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AIR-BORNE TROOPS TO GIVE PROTECTION TO FAMILIES OF BRITONS IN EMPLOY OF THE ANGLO-IRANIAN OIL COMPANY

Five Damaged Axis Ships Captured At Bandarshahpur

BRITISH AND INDIAN TROOPS ENTERED IRAN AT THREE POINTS EARLY MONDAY MORNING, states the text of the first communique issued yesterday in Simla on the operations in Iran, says Reuter.

Naval and air co-operation enabled the landing of a force in ABADAN and a small detachment of Indian troops also secured BANDARSHAHPUR, where two damaged German ships, three Italian ships, only slightly damaged, and two further German ships which have been beached, were captured with their crews.

Bandarshahpur is the Persian Gulf railroad of the sole important railway in Iran, running from there through TEHERAN to BANDARSHAH on the Caspian coast.

Abadan, to the West on the Iraq frontier, is the headquarters of the Persian Oil Refinery. STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY AIR-BORNE TROOPS TO GIVE PROTECTION TO THE BRITISH FAMILIES IN THE EMPLOY OF THE ANGLO-IRANIAN OIL COMPANY.

British and Indian troops, including infantry and armoured units, advanced simultaneously into Iran from KHANAQUIN (on Iraq-Iran frontier and 100 miles to the North-West of Baghdad).

The oil installation at NAFTISHAH and the small town of QASRISHIRIN were occupied without serious opposition.

Leaflets have been dropped by R.A.F. bombers on Teheran and other towns, explaining the reasons for the operations and stressing that Britain has no quarrel with the Iranian people and no designs on their independence or territory.

The British and Soviet move into Iran captured the headlines in New York morning newspapers and monopolised the attention of radio commentators.

The news has produced a wave of enthusiasm coupled with a realistic analysis of the benefits accruing from this step, says a Reuter message from New York.

The British justification for the action is wholeheartedly endorsed while opposition circles have been favourably impressed by this display of British resolution.

The German indignation provided radio commentators with comic relief at Dr. Goebbels' expense and it was felt that the Germans could do little to assist Iran.

THE ONLY COURSE

Britain and Russia, in entering Iran, took the only course that remained open to them since the Iranian authorities either would not or could not recognise the danger to their country from Nazi agents inside Iran—that is the consensus of British newspaper opinion on this "first opportunity of joint military action with our new allies" which meets with unanimous approval.

There is considerable satisfaction at this "former policy of suicidal inaction."

Turkey, in particular, it is said, should be reassured in view of her past criticisms of British weakness.

Hope is expressed that the Iranian authorities will, even now, realise that their country's interests will be best served by expelling the Nazis and not "imitate the pitiful folly of Vichy in spilling in-

WILFUL REFUSAL

THE TIMES writes: "The final reply of the Iranian Government—with its vague reference to the presence of 'foreigners' and its wilful refusal to recognise any grounds for concern—left Great Britain and Russia with no option but to act."

"It makes little difference whether the Iranian Government had been inspired by sympathy with German designs or by fear of the

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DOUBLE MERIT OF ENTRY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—"The joint Anglo-Soviet entry into Iran has the double merit of cementing the alliance between Britain and Russia and securing a very dangerous potential threat both to the Caucasus and Britain's Middle East position," writes the newspaper Palestine Post.

Observing that there could be no doubt that the preparations for a typical Nazi putsch were far advanced, the newspaper declares: "In the circumstances, the British and Soviet Governments could not long delay inescapable steps designed to ensure that Iran should not become another Rumania."

The influential Arab newspaper, Falastin, welcomes the Allied action with headlines "Allied march represents resolute, prompt and timely action—Anglo-Soviet drive not designed to undermine sovereignty of Iran."

NEW EAST AFRICAN MILITARY COMMAND

A new EAST AFRICAN MILITARY COMMAND has been created, says Reuter Bulletin.

LIEUT.-GENERAL W. PLATT, C. B., D. S. O., has been appointed General Officer Commanding and he will be under the direct orders of the War Office.

The appointment was made owing to the virtual termination of the operations in Abyssinia and in order to allow the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, General Sir Claude Auchinleck, to devote his time to other theatres of war.

Lieut.-Gen. A. G. Cunningham, who was G. O. C. East Africa, has been transferred to a command in the Middle East.

Hazardous Venture

BOMBAY, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—The Maharajah of Patiala told Reuter, on his return from Malaya today, that the presence everywhere of men of the fighting services from all over the Empire was very heartening.

He was sure, no nation would be so rash as to provoke a war with the British in that zone as it was an extremely hazardous venture, and asserted that, judged from the preparedness and determination of the Army, to defend this outpost of the Empire, any attempt to invade Singapore would be a very heavy undertaking.

AUSTRALIAN AIR CHIEF IN SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Lieut.-General V. A. H. Sturdee, Chief of the Australian General Staff, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Stewart Burnett, Chief of the Air Staff, R.A.A.F., arrived by a military plane from Australia. They saw Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham and are also visiting Australian land and air units in Malaya.

MENZIES' CABINET TO REMAIN FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF DEMANDS MADE BY LABOUR PARTY

THE MENZIES' CABINET HAS DECIDED NOT TO RESIGN FOLLOWING A FIVE-HOUR MEETING TO CONSIDER THE LABOUR PARTY'S DEMANDS.

An earlier Reuter message from Canberra stated the Labour Party declined Mr. Menzies' offer to form a National Government and was demanding the resignation of the present Government to make way for a labour administration.

This was conveyed to Mr. Menzies in a letter from Mr. J. Curtin, the Labour leader, stating that a workable parliament is essential for the prosecution of the war. It adds that Mr. Menzies' letter asking for a National Government had indicated his inability as Prime Minister to give Australia a stable Government.

Mr. Curtin adds that a Labour Administration would expect the same measure of co-operation as given by the Labour Party to the present Government.

MORE MUNITION WORKERS IN AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—It is officially announced that the number of munition workers since the outbreak of war has increased by 2,000 per cent.

Thirty million sterling capital expenditure has been approved. The machine tool and precision tool industry has been created and rifle output doubled and probably quadrupled before the end of the year.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—After conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles, the Iranian Minister told reporters that there were no German agents in Iran and that the Anglo-British allegations were "only a pretext" for invasion.

150 Thousand Japanese In Indo-China

SINGAPORE, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—The "silence order" regarding Japan has caused considerable speculation here, where it is freely credited that the Japanese are endeavouring to cover up some important military preparation.

Reliable foreign reports from South Indo-China state that the Japanese have at least 150,000 men already installed in that country.

The Authorities of Indo-China have issued an order forbidding any transmission of further details concerning the Japanese occupation or of Japanese troop movements, says Reuter.

In spite of the limit of 40,000, which was imposed under the terms of the recent settlement.

Apart from certain garrisons at Camranh, Cape St. Jacques and Saigon, Japan's whole expeditionary force is being sent toward the Thai border, according to reports from the latest travellers arriving here from Indo-China.

Meanwhile, large amounts of war material and equipment are being disembarked, including field-pieces, trench-mortars and some "seventy-fives," with a large number of tanks and heavy artillery.

SEEKING BERTHS IN JAPANESE SHIPS

TOKYO, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—It is understood that 23 American Government officials, including about 10 from Soviet Russia, are leaving for Kobe by train this morning to embark on the Tatuta Maru on Thursday for Shanghai.

It is believed also that the majority of those who booked passage for America by the Nitta Maru will be accommodated in the Tatuta Maru.

A number of latecomers, as yet unascertainable, are reported to be urgently seeking berths in the same Japanese ship. They are believed to include a number of Britons.

MOST AMAZING DEVELOPMENT IN RUSSO-NAZI WAR

Deputising for Major Allen Murray, who is on holiday, MR. ROBERT JOHNSTON, a South African journalist, in a commentary on the news broadcast from London last night, said that the most amazing development in the Russo-German war was the fortitude of the Russian people who were fighting side by side with the soldiers with a resolution that transcended sheer courage.

Regarding the advance of British and Soviet forces into Iran, Mr. Johnston said that we had been forced to go there because Germany compelled us just as in Iraq and Syria. In the latter two places, we were a little too late to avoid bloodshed but we were quick enough to upset Hitler's well-calculated plans for a drive into the Middle East which would have been dangerous, to say the least, of it.

The drive would have been a threat to the safety of all the Arab countries and the security of India and a fatal blow would have been dealt to Turkey who would have been "squeezed."

FOR TURKEY'S GOOD

The move into Iran was for the good of Turkey, Britain, Russia and Iran itself.

Mr. Johnston added that nowadays there seemed to be several degrees of neutrality and, since the days of Norway, we had learned a lot.

The capture of several German and Italian ships in Iranian ports had raised much speculation as to the reason for their being there.

An interesting point to note in the campaign, said Mr. Johnston, was that Britain had sent air-borne troops to safeguard British subjects, and, as far as he knew, this was the first time that we had used air-borne troops with the exception of those who were dropped in Southern Italy some months ago.

JAPAN A YEAR TOO LATE

NEW YORK, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Mr. A. Duff Cooper, Minister of State who is proceeding to Singapore, in addressing the Commonwealth Club at San Francisco, warned Japan that it would be virtual suicide to enter the war.

He said that she was a year too late to have any grounds for optimism, according to the San Francisco correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES.

MOSLEMS KNOW NAZI GAME

PESHAWAR, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—THE KHYBER MAIL, a leading Moslem English-language paper in the North-west frontier region, states that German propaganda and Nazi spies are charged with the same mission in Iran as German fifth columnists elsewhere in Europe, namely to create unrest and pave the way for Nazi domination.

The paper adds that Moslems know this game well and have no faith in Hitler's solicitude for Islam.

BATTLES ALONG WHOLE FRONT

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—The Soviet communique states that during last night Soviet troops continued their battles along the whole front.

The German High Command ironically declares that operations are proceeding according to plan.

ACTION AGAINST GAULLISTS

SHANGHAI, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—The pro-Vichy JOURNAL DE SHANGHAI on Monday gave prominence to a Havas report concerning reprisals in France against the families of Gaullists in which it is stated:—

"The Government is not prepared to remit the transfers funds in furthering the political action by a foreign power fighting against France."

N.E.I. Money And Goods Traffic With Japan

BATAVIA, Aug. 26 (Reuter)—Answering questions in the People's Council regarding money and goods traffic with Japan, M. H. J. VAN MOOK, Director of the Economic Department, pointed out that the N.E.I. Government is still busy working out various measures which are designed to avoid N.E.I. assistance to increase the maintenance of the Japanese war potential so long as Japanese action, which is felt as a direct threat, continued.

As N.E.I. exports to Japan are not extensive, a decrease in trade would not have serious repercussions on the N.E.I. export income, especially as goods which are much in demand by Japan are also in demand in other countries.

The disappearance of an important part of Japanese exports in the N.E.I. region would be a serious blow to the Japanese economy.

Today's News Summary

STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY AIR-BORNE TROOPS to give protection to British families employed at the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. It is stated, in a communique from Simla—the first on the operations—that British and Indian troops entered Iran from three places early on Monday morning. Surprise has been expressed in Turkey at the action coming so soon.

THE LABOUR PARTY IN AUSTRALIA YESTERDAY demanded the resignation of the Menzies' Cabinet to make way for a Labour administration after rejecting the Premier's offer for the formation of an all-Party Government. The Menzies' Cabinet, however, has decided to remain after a five-hour meeting when the Labour demands were considered.

MANNHEIM AND KARLSRUHE WERE ATTACKED by Bomber Command aircraft on Monday night in spite of unfavourable weather. Enemy air activity over Britain was once again on a very small scale.

THE AUTHORITIES OF INDO-CHINA HAVE ISSUED an order forbidding any transmission of further details concerning the Japanese occupation, or of Japanese troop movements.

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NEW SLAUGHTER-HOUSE BY-LAW ADOPTED

The fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council was held yesterday under the chairmanship of Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrice. Other members present were Dr. N. C. Macleod (Deputy Director of Health Services and Vice-Chairman of the Council), Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves (Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans (Commissioner of Police), Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, M.B.E., Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary) and Mr. Im Ping-tseung (Assistant Secretary).

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES REFUSED BY URBAN COUNCIL

No Scavenging Lane At Rear Of House

The following applications for licences were refused by the Urban Council at its fortnightly meeting yesterday.

An eating house for No. 47, Queen's Road East, ground floor, on the ground of inadequacy of kitchen space.

An eating house licence for No. 26, Wing Kut Street, ground floor. This house has no scavenging lane at the rear with the result that refuse had to be carried out through the front of the shop and there was no direct communication between the kitchen and the front premises. Furthermore, the building was in a dilapidated condition.

An eating house licence for No. 11, Hill Road, ground floor. These premises, said the Chairman, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrice, were being used for domestic purposes, very dirty and full of sub-tenants.

CONGESTED AREA

A milk shop for No. 175, Queen's Road East, ground floor. The shop was being used for the sale of soya bean milk which was consumed on the premises. The house was situated in a congested area. Many warnings had been sent to the proprietor in respect of the condition of the premises.

For inclusion of the drying ground on Lot No. 6060, Hok Lo Village, to the food factory licence for Nos 10 to 14, Tak Ku Ling Road, Kowloon City. This lot, said the Chairman, was surrounded by foul village-type sewerage. There was no Government main water supply, and the structure was in a dilapidated state.

LICENCES GRANTED

The following licences were granted by the Council between Aug. 12 and 25: Food shops (2), bake houses (3), milk shops (2), and advertisements, permission to erect neon signs (1).

Letters received from Government signifying the approval of the Legislative Council to the amendments to the by-laws relating to slaughter-houses, restaurants, eating houses and food stalls, adopted by the Urban Council on July 2, were tabled by the Chairman.

Pursuant to notice, the Chairman moved the insertion of an additional by-law immediately after by-law 3 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935. This was seconded by Dr. Macleod and adopted by the Council.

NEW BY-LAW

The new by-law, to be known as by-law 3A, reads as follows: "Except with the permission in writing of the Council no unsalted fresh meat shall be brought into the premises of a pig-roasting establishment or used therein other than that which has been slaughtered in the Government slaughter-houses, or which has been imported from Canada, Australia or New Zealand or from such other localities as the Council may from time to time approve."

This amendment, explained the Chairman, was in continuance of those introduced on July 2 relating to slaughter-houses, restaurants, eating houses and food stalls, as it had been deemed advisable to include pig-roasting establishments in the list.

WATER-POLO RESULTS

In the European Y.M.C.A. invitation water-polo tournament played in the "Y" pool, Kowloon, last night, 8th R.A. beat Middlesex "B" by five goals to two.

In the same pool, in the Army Small Units knock-out water-polo competition, Royal Signals beat Middlesex "B" Company by four clear goals. The scorers were Allen, McCan and Bigman (2).

BOWLS SWEEP TO BE SUSPENDED

Sweeps on the Lawn Bowls League matches have contributed more than \$4,000 to the British War Organisation Fund.

The support this season, it is understood, has not been as good as it was last year, and it has now been decided to suspend the sweeps for the time being.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BASKETBALL. — National U. v. South China, 7.30 p.m.; Bank Union v. Yu Leung, 8.30 p.m.

TENNIS. — "A" Division: I.R.C. v. S.C.A.A., K.C.C. v. H.K.U.T.C., C.D.R. v. C.R.C. "C" Division: I.R.C. v. C.D.R., S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C. (1), C.C.C. v. H.K.U.T.C.

WATER-POLO. — European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Tournament, 36th R.A. v. 8th R.A. (Navy pool) 6 p.m., Royal Navy "B" v. 985th R.A. (Y.M.C.A. pool) 6.30 p.m., Middlesex "A" v. European Y.M.C.A. (Y.M.C.A. pool) 7 p.m.; Middlesex "B" v. Royal Corps of Signals (Y.M.C.A. pool) 7.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

MEETING. — Annual, of Kowloon Golf Club, Kowloon City, 6 p.m. SWIMMING. — European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Championships, "Y" pool, 8 p.m.

TENNIS. — "D" Division: P.O.R.C. (1) K.I.T.C., C.B.A. v. A.T.C.

VINES IN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, Aug. 26 (Reuter). — Stewart Alexander, the American North and South champion, leads a field of 150 players who, survivors of an original entry of nearly 700, are playing for the 64 match-play stage places in the American Amateur Golf championship.

Alexander, with 67, and Johnny Burke, with 68, are the only players breaking 72 which is par for the course.

Ellsworth Vines, famous tennis player, Otto Greiner and Ted Bishop are each with 72, Marvin Ward, championship favourite, Johnny Goodman, former champion, and Glenn Oatman, each with 73, with Richard Chapman, title holder, among several 74's.

RECREIO RINKS FOR SATURDAY

Club de Recreio will be represented by the following rinks in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

FIRST DIV. "A". — F. X. Silva, C. M. Silva, J. E. Noronha, H. A. Alves (skip); L. Luz, C. E. Marques, L. F. Xavier, J. F. V. Ribeiro (skip); F. X. Soares, E. F. Luz, F. V. V. Ribeiro, C. Roza Pereira (skip).

FIRST DIV. "B". — E. L. Barros, D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, J. J. Basto (skip); F. H. Carvalho, E. de Souza, A. P. Pereira, J. C. Remedios (skip); C. F. Vas, H. R. Pinna, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues (skip).

THIRD DIV. — G. A. Pinna, F. P. Sequeira, E. A. R. Alves, P. Yvanovich (skip); A. A. Lopes, E. Cunha, L. A. Rozario, M. F. Pinna (skip); A. Ribeiro, G. A. Guterres, H. M. Xavier, M. Mendonca (skip).

Teams For Saturday's Charity Soccer

The following have been selected to play in the charity football match on Saturday, Sept. 13, at Caroline Hill in aid of the funds of the Chen Chep-wo ("Dinky") Chen Scholarship.

HONGKONG. — Tam Ywan-kon (South China); Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao); and Lee Ting-sang (Sing Tao); Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); Lam Tak-po (South China); and Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao); Tang Kwong-sun (Sing Tao); Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao); Chan Tak-fai (South China); Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

SHANGHAI. — Cheong Wing-choy (Sing Tao); Y. S. Yen (Eastern); and Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern); Kul Wing-fook (Sing Tao); Chang Kam-hoi (Eastern); and Lau Tze-chau (Eastern); Chung Yung-sun (Eastern); V. K. Hyul (Eastern); Lee Wai-tong (South China); C. T. Tsao (Eastern); and Lee Shek-yau (South China).

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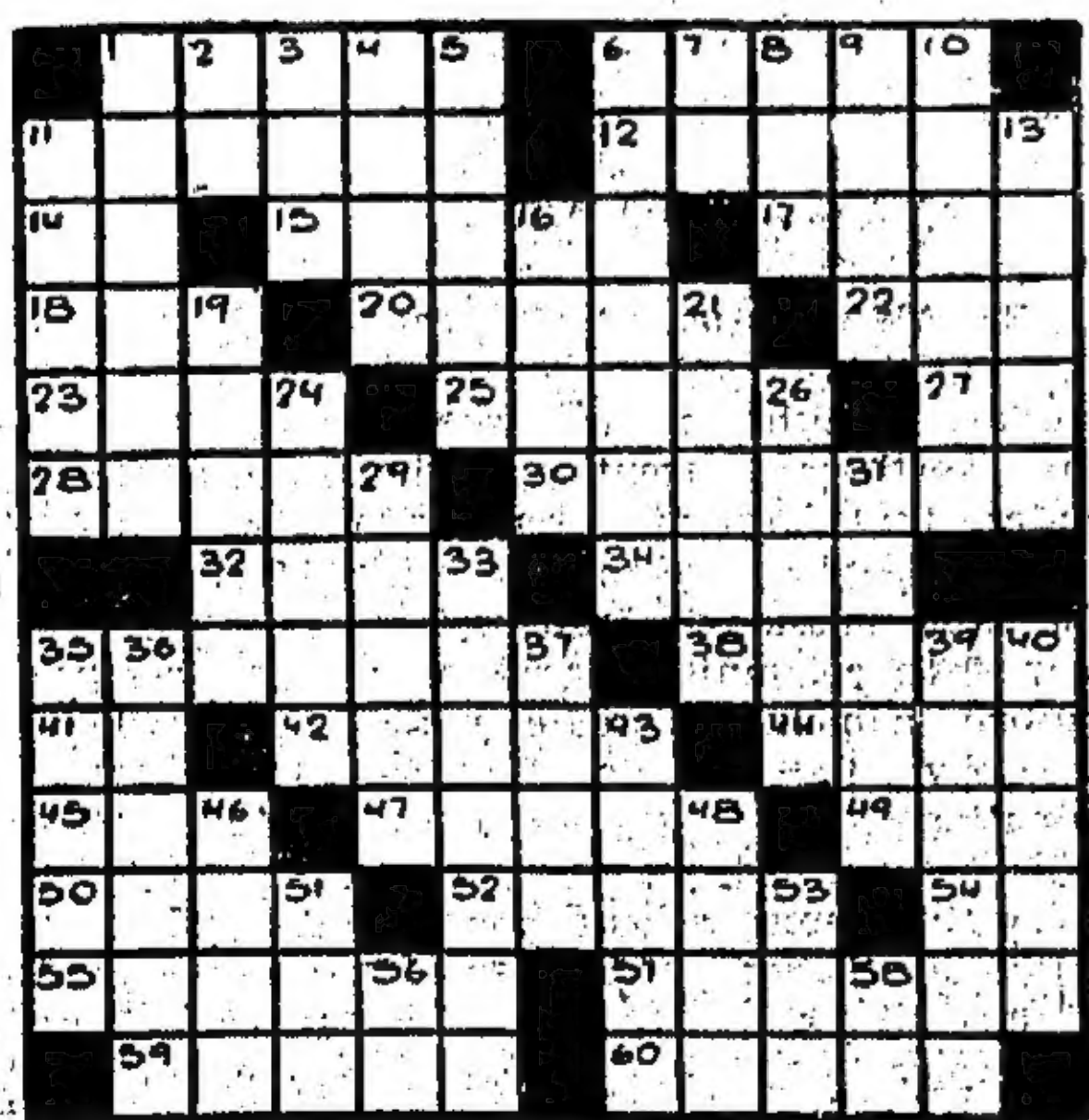
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ACROSS

- 1 Erases
- 6 Foretold
- 11 Device for producing images
- 12 Opaque glassy composition
- 14 Part of "to be"
- 15 Competitor
- 17 Prima donna
- 18 Flying mammal
- 20 Wanderer
- 22 Border
- 23 Dry
- 25 Early stringed instrument
- 27 Symbol for selenium
- 28 Loaded
- 30 Perceived
- 32 Among
- 34 Anatomical wrinkle
- 35 Rescue
- 38 Turned-down collar
- 41 Symbol for aluminium
- 42 Hebrew precept
- 44 Unusual
- 45 Spread grass for drying
- 47 Primeval deity
- 49 Drink slowly
- 50 Wrong
- 52 Gallantry
- 54 Note of the scale
- 55 Placid
- 57 Foiled
- 59 Chivalrous
- 60 Friend of Pythias



DOWN

- 1 Hotterpot of South-west Africa
- 2 Printer's
- 3 Celtic Neptune
- 4 Ireland
- 5 Relish
- 6 Thrash
- 7 Forward
- 8 Father
- 9 Arabian chieftain
- 10 Invent
- 11 Secret
- 12 association
- 13 Partially disabled
- 16 So be it
- 19 Pertaining to rise and fall of water
- 21 Harvard prize
- 24 Resign
- 26 Roll of tobacco
- 28 Loose turf in golf
- 31 Woman's work bag
- 33 Deduces
- 34 Palm-tree fruits
- 36 Football team
- 37 New Zealand tree
- 39 Ascended
- 40 Lukewarm
- 43 Dragged
- 46 Horrible
- 48 Short-lived star
- 51 Bulgarian coin
- 53 But-violently
- 59 Symbol for neon
- 60 Perform

SOLUTION TOMORROW

PRETTY REGISTRY WEDDING



Mr. Low Hong-kui and his bride, formerly Miss Cissy Wen, photographed after their marriage at the Registry yesterday. — (King's Studio).

LOW—WEN

A pretty wedding took place yesterday morning at the Supreme Court Registry, before Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, when Miss Cissy Wen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wen Luen-ming, of 128, Kennedy Road, became the bride of Mr. Low Hong-kui, son of Mr. and Mrs. Low Ying-yong and assistant manager of T. H. Lee and Co.

The witnesses were Messrs. F. Fok and F. Lau.

The bride looked charming in a lace and net gown cut on Victorian lines with a long train and long tight sleeves, her tulle veil

being held in place with a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a sheaf of arm lilies and tuber-roses.

Later, a dinner was held at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden where many friends and relatives came to congratulate the newly-weds.

The gown was designed by Elit Styles.

OTHER CEREMONIES

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating:—

Mr. George Joe Low, merchant,

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residing at No. 15 Lion Rock Road, and Miss Jean Gee, student, of No. 27 Lion Rock Road;

Mr. Lau Pak-kong, student, of No. 25 Jervois Street, and Miss So May-shun, of No. 14B Burd Street.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Wong Ting-wa, clerk, of No. 114 Des Voeux Road Central, and Miss Fung Sook-yan, of No. 207 Laichikok Road, was announced yesterday.

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VISIBLE TRADE OF H.K. SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE

According to an official report released for publication by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports the combined values of the Colony's imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month of July, 1941, totalled \$719.9 millions (£7.3 millions) as compared with \$719.0 millions (£7.4 millions) in July, 1940.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony increased by 0.8 per cent. in July, 1941, as compared with July, 1940; and decreased by 1.4 per cent. in terms of sterling.

Imports of merchandise in July, 1941, totalled \$68.8 millions (£4.2 millions) as compared with \$66.6 millions (£3.5 millions) in July, 1940, and exports \$51.2 millions (£3.1 millions) as compared with \$52.4 millions (£3.9 millions).

Imports of merchandise in July, 1941, increased by 21.6 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 20.0 per cent. in terms of sterling. Exports of merchandise in July, 1941, decreased by 17.9 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 20.5 per cent. in terms of sterling.

During the first seven months of 1941 imports of merchandise totalled \$456.0 millions (£28.1 millions) as compared with \$476.2 millions (£29.4 millions) in the corresponding period of 1940; and exports \$353.7 millions (£21.9 millions) as compared with \$389.2 millions (£24.1 millions).

Imports of merchandise decreased by 4.2 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 4.4 per cent. in terms of sterling; exports decreased by 9.1 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 9.1 per cent. in terms of sterling.

COMPARATIVE TABLE

The following table shows comparative imports and exports of merchandise during each of the seven months of 1941 as compared with the corresponding months of 1940 in \$'s and £'s sterling (in millions):—

	Imports	Exports
1940 1941 1940 1941		
January	\$69.7 60.1 01.9 52.9	\$4.3 3.7 3.8 3.3
February	\$53.0 55.3 42.2 38.0	\$3.3 3.4 2.8 2.4
March	\$75.7 68.5 48.0 52.5	\$4.7 4.2 3.0 3.3
April	\$72.1 65.9 58.7 52.4	\$7.2 6.5 5.8 5.2
	\$4.5 4.1 3.6 3.3	

May	\$79.3 72.8 59.0 53.5	\$4.9 4.5 3.7 3.3
June	\$69.9 64.7 56.6 53.2	\$4.3 3.9 3.5 3.2
July	\$56.6 68.8 62.4 51.2	\$5.6 6.8 6.2 4.5

MONTHLY FLUCTUATIONS

Since July, 1940, monthly values of imports of merchandise into Hongkong fluctuated from a low H.K.\$ value of 48.0 millions in September, 1940, to a high of 72.8 millions in May, 1941; whilst export values fluctuated from a low of 37.6 millions in August, 1940, to a high of 62.4 millions in July, 1941.

Details are given below, with the sterling equivalents, at monthly average rates of exchange, in brackets:—

1940	Imports	Exports
July	\$56,637,012 (£3,510,315)	\$62,392,911 (£3,887,061)
Aug.	\$53,351,423 (£3,306,677)	\$37,610,550 (£2,331,071)
Sept.	\$48,025,125 (£2,976,557)	\$42,817,040 (£2,653,802)
Oct.	\$51,427,716 (£3,187,447)	\$51,457,961 (£3,189,322)
Nov.	\$57,027,388 (£3,590,291)	\$49,437,341 (£3,064,085)
Dec.	\$65,991,331 (£4,080,088)	\$51,488,338 (£3,191,235)

1941	Imports	Exports
Jan.	\$60,072,236 (£3,723,227)	\$52,858,254 (£3,276,111)
Feb.	\$55,289,067 (£3,426,770)	\$38,005,485 (£2,355,548)
Mar.	\$68,521,327 (£4,246,895)	\$52,492,210 (£3,253,423)
Apr.	\$65,802,289 (£4,082,090)	\$52,438,367 (£3,250,088)
May	\$72,809,727 (£4,512,686)	\$53,475,333 (£3,314,357)
June	\$64,703,516 (£3,942,871)	\$53,210,878 (£3,242,538)
July	\$68,751,062 (£4,207,422)	\$51,187,745 (£3,132,583)
Mean rate of exchange for July, 1941: H.K.\$-£s. 2.11/16d.		

GOVERNOR AND LADY NORTHCOTE FETED BY CHINESE COUNCILLORS

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., and Lady Northcote were the guests at luncheon yesterday of the Chinese Members of Council at the residence of the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, at Pokfulam.

Among the guests were H.E. Major-General C. M. Maltby, M.C., the Hon. Capt. A. C. Collinson, R.N., the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., LL.D., the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Kt., LL.D., the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, Mr. Addison B. Southard (U.S. Consul-General), Mr. T. N. Chau, C.B.E., Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. Kan Tong-po, Mr. Luke Oi-wan, Miss Rachel Smith, Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C., Capt. Macgregor, A.D.C., Lt. Gray, R.N., A.D.C., and Mrs. Gray, Miss Helen Kotewall, Mr. M. H. Lo, Mr. Tung Chung-wai, Mr. Li Koon-chun and Mr. Tang Shu-kin, M.B.E.

The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Kt., C.M.G., LL.D., and Miss Doris Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, C.B.E., and Mrs. Lo, the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam and Mrs. Tam, and the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-long and Mrs. Li were hosts to the party.

WELCOME EXPRESSED
Sir Robert addressed a brief speech of welcome to Lady Northcote, who returned to the Colony yesterday after a visit home for some months, and also expressed the best wishes of the Chinese Members of Council and of the Chinese community to His Excellency and Lady Northcote on their impending departure.

His Excellency suitably replied. His Excellency and Lady Northcote will be the guests tonight of Sir Shouson Chow at a Chinese musical evening at the Chinese Merchants' Club.

SANITARY DEPT. ESTIMATES

At its fortnightly meeting yesterday, the Urban Council approved of the appointment of the following committee to consider the proposed changes in the Sanitary Department Estimates for 1942-43:—

Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie (Chairman), Dr. N. C. Macleod, Mr. P. C. Hall, Mr. A. el Arculli and Dr. S. N. Chau.

Correspondence relative to the appointment of Messrs. Ko To-shun, Leung Tse-shing and Cheng Tam-yau as officers to act under Ordinance 6 of 1936 (Section 2) and as "Officers under Ordinance 19 of 1936 (Section 2)" was tabled by the Chairman, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie.

CHINESE POLICE SERGEANT FACES BRIBERY COUNTS: ALLEGED ACCEPTANCE

Further hearing was adjourned to this afternoon by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon in the case in which Police Sergeant O486, TONG KAU, 37, is charged with accepting \$2 as a bribe from Shek Wah, \$2 from Sik Lau-chu on July 16, and bribes of \$2 from Fung Yung, Yu Sang, Yip Yan and Chan Wing on July 17.

It was stated that all the witnesses in the case were recruits in the Police Training School and prior to being candidates on July 14, a large number of them were called to the Central Police Station and inspected by Mr. E. C. Luscombe, A. S. P.

Twenty-seven were picked out and on July 15, 16, and 17, in batches, they were taken by the defendant to Queen Mary Hospital for examination.

On July 19, information was received by Mr. Luscombe as a result of which Det. Sub-Insp. C. H. Goodwin made enquiries.

It was alleged that six or seven of the witnesses gave \$2 each to the defendant on the verandah of the first floor of the main building at Central Police Station as "tea money."

EVIDENCE CALLED

Shek Wah, 23, C71 in evidence, said that he was in the service of the Chinese detectives at Yau-mat Police Station prior to joining the Police Force.

On the morning of July 14 he was called to Central Police Station

and there he was examined by Mr. Luscombe and passed as to his physical condition. On July 16, he was again called to Central Police Station and from there he went to Queen Mary Hospital, together with others, under the charge of defendant. After examination he returned to Central Police Station and his fingerprints were taken.

After this, he had a discussion together with Wong Hang-hoi, Sik Lau-chu, Fung Yung and Chan Hung, as a result of which an envelope was produced and each of them put \$2 in it. Together, they went to the first floor of the main building at Central Police Station with the envelope in witness' hand and, seeing defendant there, handed it to him, saying: "We are all very glad to give you this as tea money." Defendant took the envelope.

Sik Lau-chu, 23, a recruit of the Police Training School, also gave evidence.

Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. S. Ng-Quinn, represented defendant, while Det. Sub-Insp. C. H. Goodwin prosecuted.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

LIFE BANISHEE

Li Po, 33, unemployed, of No. 192, Wanchai Road, first floor, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday when he was charged with breach of a deportation order.

Det. Sgt. V. M. Morrison, prosecuting, said that accused was a life banishee and that this was his third return.

GAOL FOR SNATCHER

Appearing before Mr. Sheldon on a charge of larceny from the person of Lau Ma-lai, 23, spinster, of one handbag with contents, to the total value of \$4.80, Chan Wing-fuk, 28, unemployed, was convicted and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Det. Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

A.R.P. TUNNEL THEFT

Charged with larceny of two pieces of wood valued at \$3 from the No. 9 A.R.P. Tunnel, Wong Chun, 49, unemployed, was sentenced to two months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. Sheldon.

Det. Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

REMAND GRANTED

On the application of Det. Sgt. V. M. Morrison, a remand of 72 hours was granted by Mr. Sheldon in the case in which Tam Kam-yuen, 28, unemployed, is charged, with another not in custody, with having stolen two jewellery boxes valued at \$30 with contents to the total value of \$132 from No. 278 Hennessy Road, first floor, on Aug. 11.

The complainant in the case is Chi Shum, 44, manager of the Ying King Restaurant.

SHOPLIFTER CONVICTED

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on a married woman, Pun Wai-yin, 24, by Mr. G. T. Lowry when she was convicted on the charge of larceny of one woollen jersey valued at \$3.50 from the Sincere Company on Aug. 23.

Sub-Insp. Whelan prosecuted.

DEPORTEE IN COURT

Lam Yau, 22, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry when he was convicted on the charge of larceny of one gold ear-ring valued at \$10 from Wong Chun, 44, married woman, at Queen's Road Central on Aug. 25; and with breach of a deportation order.

Sub-Insp. Whelan prosecuted.

IGNORED COURT ORDER

Charged with breach of an exclusion order, Lee Ngau, 18, unemployed, was sentenced to one month's hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. Sheldon.

MUTE CONVICTED

A deaf-and-dumb man, Leung Ping, 39, appeared before Mr. Lowry when he was charged with

larceny of three rolls of rattan nets, valued at \$80 from a lorry at Connaught Road, Central, on Aug. 25.

Accused was stated to have four previous convictions.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed.

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

Kwok Chuen was fined \$15 by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson when he was summoned for driving bus No. 644 without due care and caution at Murray Road on July 29.

Sub-Insp. F. J. Clarke prosecuted.

Similarly, summoned for driving lorry No. 4305 at Stuart Road on July 15, Pang Kau was fined \$10 and on the second summons for driving a lorry with a car licence, he was fined \$5.

Insp. Clarke stated that defendant nearly collided with another car driven by J. F. Lunny.

SOLDIER FINED

Sergeant D. A. Lyons, R. A. of Fort Davis, was fined \$10 by Mr. Anderson yesterday when he was summoned for driving car No. 6379 without a licence at Queen's Road Central, on July 18.

He was cautioned on the summons for having no front lights.

Traffic Sgt. Dingsdale prosecuted.

DANGEROUS DRIVING

Summoned for driving public car No. 273 without due care and caution at Stubbs Road near Stuart Terrace on July 8, Ko Kan, was fined \$15 by Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Sgt. Paton stated that the defendant overtook a P. W. D. lorry and nearly collided with a car driven by Col. Walker.

CAUTIONED

Chung Tung and Tsui Choi were cautioned by Mr. Anderson yesterday when they were summoned for failing to return their respective vehicles to their garages when disengaged.

Traffic Sgt. Dingsdale prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

MURDER CHARGE

Appearing before Mr. H. C. Macnamara Tam Wins, 35, farmer, is charged with having murdered Ah Hoi, woman, allegedly on the night of Aug. 23 in an unnumbered house in the foothills near Pak Wai Chuen.

Lo Sau Mui, 42, married woman, it is alleged, procured and commanded the said Tam Wing to commit the offence.

Both defendants were remanded for one week.

Inspector N. B. Fraser prosecuted.

D. O. SOUTH

Four Chinese males, well-known to the Police as leaders of so-called "protection societies," were charged before Mr. S. Y. Balfour yesterday with disorderly behaviour by fighting in Tai San Park

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also A FEW PIECES OF BLACKWOOD FURNITURE and

3 Radio Sets
2 Hand Sewing Machines
1 Iron Safe
1 Cine Projector

On View from Thursday, the 28th August, 1941

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS. AUCTIONEERS.

Street, Cheung Chau, on Aug. 24.

According to Sub-Insp. McMahon, who prosecuted, Lam Cheong-yuen was fighting with Fong Wing-chung, Wong Sik and Tan Yuk, when the Police arrived on the scene. Wong Sik was holding a hammer.

All the four accused were remanded to one week's hard labour.

LAMMERTS AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on THURSDAY, the 28th August 1941 commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, 2nd Floor.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE comprising:

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1 Dinner Service

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 1st day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	No. 4316	Junction of Kowloon Road and Kowloon Road, Kowloon	As per sale plan	About 2,350	28	1,750

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$177.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 1st day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	No. 2874	Junction of Shun Ning Road and Fat Tsung Street, Cheung Sha Wan	As per sale plan	About 2,400	34	1,440

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$144.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 1st day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	No. 4317	Tong Mi Road, Tai Kok Tsui	As per sale plan	About 10,000	184	30,000

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$2,000.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

The new School Year begins on September 1st, both for the Middle School and the Preparatory School. Entrance examination for New Students (Middle School) on August 30th, at 9 a.m.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Interim Dividend of \$-.60 per share has been declared in respect of the half year ended 30th June, 1941, on 900,000 OLD SHARES and will be payable on and after Thursday, 11th September 1941. Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Registered Office, 1, O. Building.

THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER to THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hong Kong, 5th August, 1941.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED.

Second Interim Dividend

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a SECOND INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year ending the 28th February, 1942, of two per cent, that is \$2.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on Friday, the 5th September, 1941, at the Company's Office at China Building, 5th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 5th September, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
FUNG PING FAN,
Director & Secretary.
Hong Kong, 26th August, 1941.

EVACUATION REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

A Public Meeting will be held in the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel, on Thursday, 28th inst., at 6 p.m.

Husbands and relatives of all evacuees, and all those interested, are invited to attend.

W. V. TAYLOR,
Acting Hon. Secretary,
Evacuation Representation Committee.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 6/NS. 9889 dated Hongkong, 29th October, 1940, for seven shares of this Bank numbered 63580/63582 and 7976/7979 in the name of Mrs. Ethel Muriel Dowling, Certificate No. 6/NS. 9890 dated Hongkong, 29th October 1940 for two shares of this Bank numbered 7980/7981 in the name of Mr. Wilfred Murray Theobald, and Certificate No. 6/NS. 9891 dated Hongkong, 29th October 1940 for seven shares of this Bank numbered 7982/7987 and 60985 in the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Lyona Lancaster have been LOST or STOLEN, and should these certificates not be produced to the Bank before the 13th September, 1941, new Certificates for the shares will be issued and the aforesaid Certificates Nos. 6/NS. 9889, 6/NS. 9890, and 6/NS. 9891, will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 13th August, 1941.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that on account of fullness of the Power of Attorney issued to Leon Henry George Frost, District Accountant at Hongkong for The Texas Company (China) Ltd. at Hongkong has been cancelled and recalled.

Similar Power of Attorney has been issued to Edgar Harold Fenclason who has been appointed District Accountant at Hongkong to succeed Leon Henry George Frost.

THE TEXAS COMPANY (CHINA) LTD.
By P. F. LEFEVRE,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, August 25th, 1941.

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NEW WAR FRONT

THE JOINT ACTION taken by Great Britain and Russia to prevent Iran falling into German hands did not come exactly as a surprise. From the moment it was known that both Governments had warned the Iranian Government of the menace that was growing within their country as a result of organised Nazi Fifth Column activities, some sort of action was expected. The trend of allied policy in the military sphere in recent weeks has left no doubt that the lessons of the past have been well learned. No longer is Britain prepared to sit back and watch the penetration of intrigue in countries, the security of which from such activity is essential to her war aims. Any delayed action in Iran might well have led to a position arising there similar to that which took place in Iraq and Syria. Realising, therefore, that Iran was becoming the centre of the same form of Nazi activity that preceded the rebellion in Iraq and that this portended a vital part of Herr Hitler's plan for his drive through the Caucasus into India, the British and Russian Governments found it necessary, after giving a serious warning to the Iranian authorities, who appeared to prefer to shut their eyes to the point at issue, to order their military forces to cross the frontier in order to protect the country against the Axis conspiracy.

AXIS QUARTERS have, of course, already started bleating loudly against the British and Soviet move and have been attempting to ridicule Anglo-Russian fears of a Nazi plot in Iran by questioning how some 2,000 Germans in that country could possibly constitute a threat to Allied aims. No one will, however, be deceived by this kind of talk. The statement made by the Iranian Prime Minister himself, despite its plea of injured innocence, shows how far he has been influenced by the Nazi Fifth Columnists and that he was unable, even if he felt inclined to do so, to take a strong attitude against German intentions in regard to his country. On the other hand, the British and Russian warnings to the Iranian Government clearly indicated that they were prompted only by a desire to safeguard the country from being made into a cat's paw by the Nazis. The final notes handed to the authorities made it clear that neither Britain nor the Soviet had any territorial ambitions in Iran and that as soon as they were satisfied that the Nazi threat had been removed, they would withdraw without in any way infringing Iran's independence and integrity.

THE ENTRY of British and Russian troops into Iran has now effectively called a check to Herr Hitler's plans for his drive to the East. When he begins to realise that his intrigue has only resulted in giving Britain and Russia an opportunity to join forces for the first time in a joint military action, his chagrin can easily be imagined. It means that he will once again have to recast his entire war plan and seek other ways and means of continuing his ruthless policy of conquest. This will not be easy, but knowing the recklessness with which he has been acting as a result of the increasing difficulties he is facing with his two-front war in Europe, there is no doubt that he will seek to thrust in every possible direction—possibly through Spain and Turkey now—to satisfy his own war policy and also to compensate the German people for the disappointments they have been presented with in the last few weeks. An important aspect of the Anglo-Russian move is that just as it has called a check to Herr Hitler, it also gives a pointer to Japan on what she might expect if she persists in her attempt to imitate her Nazi tutor. Whatever her plans, whether they lead to the north or south, Japan has sufficient evidence before her now to convince her that, in the Prime Minister's words, any further aggression by her "has got to stop."

Roof Collapse In Western District

Three men, one of whom was admitted to hospital, were injured when the roof of No. 32 Davis St., which is occupied by the Diaward Steel Ware Factory, collapsed at 4 p.m. yesterday.

The men, all employees of the firm, were WONG WING-CHUEN, 22, who was sustained at Queen Mary Hospital, with head and body injuries; CHAN LAM, 21 and LAI YUE, 32, who only received slight injuries. An area of approximately 30 to 40 square feet of the ceiling fell apparently caused by the incessant rain during the last two days.

A fire appliance and ambulance from Central Fire Station were soon on the scene. A P.W.D. lorry was also sent.

Mr. G. A. R. Wright-Nooth, A.S.P. (Western), Sub-Inspector C. T. Byron and Mr. K. E. Robertson, of the P.W.D., were present.

The affected premises are a one-floor house owned by the Sincere Company, Ltd., and had been let to the Diaward Steel Works since 1930.

"THE MAN WHOM NO GAOL CAN HOLD"

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—Stanley Thurston, the escaped convict known as the "man whom no gaol can hold," was arrested in London yesterday after 152 days' liberty.

He had no identity card, no ration book and no gas mask.

Thurston, who is 31 years of age, escaped from the grim high-walled prison of Dartmoor on March 25. He was serving a sentence of five years' penal servitude and five years' preventive detention passed in August 1930 for house-breaking, larceny and being a habitual criminal.

Dartmoor is the fifth prison from which he has escaped.

147 DEATHS FROM T.B.

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended at midnight on Aug. 23—

Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one case (two deaths); Cholera, 30 cases, one imported; 21 deaths; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, 42 cases (19 deaths); Enteric Fever, 29 cases (16 deaths); Tuberculosis, 303 cases, four imported, (147 deaths).

MONDAY'S RETURNS

The Returns for the 24 hours ending at midnight on Monday is as follows:—Cholera, five cases; Dysentery, 16 cases; Tuberculosis, 33 cases.

SOVIET AIR FORCE SHOWS EXCELLENT QUALITIES: WILL OF PILOTS TO WIN

"Last week Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal sent a message to the Soviet Air Force on behalf of the R.A.F., in reply to one sent to the R.A.F. by Soviet airmen, expressing admiration for the excellent fight that the Russians are putting up," said MAJOR OLIVER STEWART, M.C., A.F.C., the well-known commentator on aerial warfare, when he broadcast from London yesterday in speaking of the air war on the East European front.

Major Stewart added that Sir Charles Portal had added to his message that the R.A.F. and the Soviet Air Force had to work together to reach Berlin.

CLOSE CO-OPERATION

"His words imply the close co-operation between the two air forces and may imply that the two-front air war is now in progress," continued Major Stewart. "His words also imply that the Germans may expect heavier attacks in the future. What part the Soviet Air Force can play in this is not exactly known, but it is known that the Russian Government has ordered its air force to give close support to its army in the field. This means that long range-bombing will be kept down."

"They have acted more wisely than we have in this. They saw clearly where the danger lies and have not allowed their forces to be dissipated along the whole battle front."

"In the two months of fighting, the Soviet Air Force has destroyed 7,200 German planes for the loss of 4,500," continued Major Stewart. "The figures are enormous. They are bigger than anything seen in any other theatre of war. Together, the two air forces were losing 200 aircraft a day."

WELL-EQUIPPED INDUSTRY

"The Soviet Air Force could not have borne this loss and continued to fight today as it is fighting had it not been backed by a well-equipped industry in Russia. So now we have evidence of a well-equipped Russian air industry. "In the east," continued Major Stewart, "it has been a war of production and human organisation. But production alone will not win wars. The Soviet airmen have been used with tactical skill. I mentioned recently how the Russians are using low-flying aircraft. Another thing is the way the Russians have dealt with German dive-bombers."

"The Germans tried to cut off the Russian troops in the Dnieper area by low-flying bombing attacks. These attacks were repelled by heavy anti-aircraft fire and by Russian fighters, and at no time

were the Germans able to establish that local air ascendancy which gives the dive-bombers a chance. Russian fighters were always at hand to deal with these dive-bombers."

SOVIET RETICENCE

"In the matter of details of Russian aircraft, I have tried to collect some more information, but no news facts apart from those I have already mentioned have come through."

"The Russians are very reticent indeed about their aircraft—more reticent the Germans and far more reticent than ourselves. It may be that they are right in not publishing these facts. The Germans probably now have a good idea of the performance of Russian machines, but there may still be gaps in their information."

"The Russians seem to believe in saying nothing about the technical characteristics of their aircraft, but they do believe in giving their pilots and air personnel good publicity," continued Major Stewart. "That is the opposite of our own system. We give the technical details of our machines, but we say little about our airmen and the only time they are mentioned by name is when they have earned some decoration. It is then we learn something of what they have done."

Major Stewart here related a story that was published by the Russians of how a Soviet airmen had deliberately rammed a German machine.

THE WILL TO WIN

There were many such stories in the last war and the present war, but there had never been full confirmation of such exploits. Now from Russia there was authentic information of Soviet airmen deliberately ramming enemy machines. The airmen showed great skill in leaving their planes just before the ramming occurred by means of parachutes and have thus been able to confirm their performances.

"Everyone will agree that the Russians are fighting with highly developed will to win," concluded Major Stewart, "and it is that will to win that leads to these cases of ramming. The pilot is worked up to such a stage that he knows he has got to defeat the enemy."

Things You Wouldn't Know

There was no falling off in Britain's foreign trade from January to April of this year.

Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, Minister for Overseas Trade, states that he can say this, although the Government decided at the beginning of the year not to publish export trade figures.

"In spite of the progressive loss of markets through Germany's invasion of half the countries of Europe," he said, "our foreign trade still managed to maintain an extraordinarily high pre-war level. In the last complete pre-war year, which was 1938, we exported \$471,000,000 worth of goods, but as a result of the industry of our people and the enterprise of our manufacturers in the first full year of war, 1940, we exported \$413,000,000 worth of goods."

That was a truly remarkable result, considering that we had lost fully 30 per cent. of our markets. A tricky problem of aircraft production has been solved by a new portable tool weighing only 2lbs.

On all modern aircraft, thousands of nut plates are used for securing cowings, fairing strips, inspection panels, instruments, and control runs. Formerly, for every one of these nut plates, three rivet holes had to be marked off and drilled separately, a slow and tedious business.

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This novel two-spindle portable drill, designed in Britain, is powered by the "Mighty Atom" pneumatic motor, many thousands of which are in use in the aircraft factories of Britain, the Empire countries, and the United States.

NEWSETTES

The first class of glider pilots will complete training soon in Chengtu. Their graduation exercises will be held some time next month.

Confucius' Birthday anniversary and Teachers' Day today will be celebrated by Chinese educational circles in Hongkong. A celebration meeting under the auspices of the 'Hongkong-Kowloon Teachers' Union will be held at 487, Nathan Road at 9 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Ho Fu-chow was appointed yesterday by the National Government Director of the General Affairs Department of the Yellow River Conservancy Commission, and Mr. Sze Kuei-ping was appointed Counsellor of the Ministry of Economic Affairs—Central News.

Mr. Aw Boon-haw, well-known overseas Chinese industrialist, who returned to Singapore from China, has expressed the willingness to donate the moment when China wins the war \$10,000,000 in Chinese currency first for the establishment of hospitals and maternity clinics in each "hien" (county) throughout China for the poor and sick with the construction cost estimated at \$500,000 for each building.

The management of the Toronto Exhibition announces that the British Department of Overseas Trade plans an extensive display of United Kingdom products this year. The exhibition opens on Sept. 8.

AXIS SHIPS CAPTURED AT BANDARSHAH PUR

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consequences of resisting them. If they are either unwilling or unable to remove the danger and unwanted Nazi intruders, then action must be taken for them by those whose interests, equally with those of Iran herself, are at stake."

The motives and purposes of the Anglo-Russian intervention are sufficiently clear to afford no ground for anxiety in neighbouring countries as to the scope of operations.

The Nazi danger is too familiar and too close throughout the Middle East for any misunderstanding of this insidious character. In recent years, British friendship for Egypt, Turkey and the Arab world has stood the test of many hazards and many threats and today is stronger than ever.

REACTED VIGOROUSLY

If British prestige has at any time suffered in the Middle East, it has been rather at moments when Great Britain has shown weakness in defending herself than when, as on the present occasion, she has reacted vigorously and promptly to an attack on her vital interests.

In particular Turkey, directly exposed as she is at this moment to Nazi menaces and Nazi cajoleries, will feel reassured and strengthened in her resistance by this example of British vigour and determination.

Except among the few remaining friends of Nazi Germany, nothing but satisfaction and relief will be felt that a dangerous nettle has been so firmly grasped.

In Britain, this first opportunity of joint and concerted military action with our new allies, whose stubborn defence against the Nazi invader has not diminished their determination and capacity to defend their interest elsewhere, will be warmly welcomed.

The scope and duration of the action undertaken by the British and Soviet Governments will be determined by the willingness of the Iranian authorities, even at this last moment, to face the realities of the situation.

It is no part of the British or Russian policy to shed Iranian blood or to fight against the Iranians except insofar as they may be so misguided as to act as shields for Nazi agents and Nazi purposes.

FALSE STEP

If the Shah and Iranian Government are prepared to retract the false step they have taken and return to the path of strict neutrality by the expulsion of those who are seeking to turn Iran into a Nazi stronghold, then an agreement can still be reached and an unhappy incident quickly brought to an end.

So long as the present course persists, the permanent interests of Iran are being jeopardised in a cause which is wholly alien to those interests and from which, whatever its attractions for their rulers, the Iranian people can derive no conceivable advantage.

Japanese Government Declines To Comment On Churchill's Speech

TOKYO, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—"AS A GOVERNMENT, WE DECLINE TO COMMENT ON THE SPEECH BY MR. CHURCHILL," declared Mr. Koh Ishii, deputy spokesman of the Board of Information before the regular Press conference.

He added, however, "Press comment reflects public opinion."

Asked if the Japanese Government would welcome negotiations for "a fair and amicable settlement" in the Far Eastern situation which Mr. Churchill said in his broadcast that the United States are endeavouring to arrive at, the spokesman replied: "Yes, if we can come to a reasonable conclusion."

Queried if the situation had advanced so far as to allow such negotiations, Mr. Ishii said: "It must have been."

DESTROYER SUNK

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that the destroyer Bath, a former American destroyer, manned by the Norwegian Navy, has been sunk.

A club for Welsh Service men and women in London was recently opened at 187, Gray's Inn-road, by Mr. Lloyd George in memory of Dame Margaret.

Mannheim, Karlsruhe Attacked

LONDON, Aug. 26 (BWS).—An Air Ministry communiqué states:

"Objectives at Mannheim and Karlsruhe were attacked last night by aircraft of Bomber Command. Though the weather was mainly unfavourable there were clear intervals over both targets where large fires were left burning."

"Six of our aircraft are missing."

An Admiralty communiqué states:

"Swordfish aircraft have carried out successful attacks on military objectives in the north and south of Tempio in the island of Sardinia."

"The targets were left burning fiercely."

"During these operations, one JU-52 was shot down into the sea."

"A Cant float-plane was heavily engaged by a Naval fighter aircraft and was severely damaged before it made good its escape."

"Our forces suffered no casualties."

VERY SMALL SCALE

LONDON, Aug. 26 (BWS).—An Air Ministry and Ministry for Home Security communiqué states:

"The only enemy activity last night occurred before midnight and was on a very small scale."

"Bombs were dropped at two points on the coast of South Wales and at one point in South-west England causing no casualties and only slight damage."

BIG R.A.F. RAID ON TRIPOLI

Ten Of Bombs Dropped On Supply, Petrol Dumps

CAIRO, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—British bombers are still busy in the Middle East. A large force of R.A.F. heavy bombers dropped nearly 20 tons of bombs on docks and supply and petrol dumps at Tripoli during the night of August 23-24, says an R.A.F. communiqué.

Many direct hits were obtained and more than 30 large fires were started, one so big that it was visible 135 miles away.

After the bomb attack British aircraft machine-gunned objectives in the harbour area and the aerodrome at Mellaha. The attack was carried out from a very low altitude.

During the same night, other aircraft bombed enemy encampments in Sollum, Baddia and Gambut areas. Medium bombers attacked two enemy schooners and an escort vessel in the Gulf of Sirte. One schooner and the escort vessel were sunk, and the other schooner was left apparently sinking.

R.A.F. fighters in the Mediterranean on Sunday intercepted a number of German dive-bombers which attempted to attack British shipping and shot down one into the sea.

Photos show that a merchant ship attacked by bombers at Tripoli on the night of August 21-22 was sunk.

All British aircraft returned safely from all these operations.

DUSSELDORF RAIDED

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—Operations by British bombers were still restricted by bad weather on Sunday night, states the Air Ministry.

Communications and industrial objectives at Düsseldorf were sharply attacked. Three bombers are missing.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command were missing from patrol over the North Sea on Sunday morning.

THAI PREMIER'S THANKS TO BROOKE-POPHAM

SINGAPORE, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—"I feel confident that these personal contacts will help bring about mutual and sympathetic understanding and that this mark of personal friendship and goodwill on your part will render the friendly relations between our two countries, ever more cordial," says the Thai Premier, Luang Phibul Songgram, in a message expressing grateful thanks and appreciation to Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, C-in-C, Far East, for the welcome accorded to two Thai military officers on the occasion of a recent visit to see Malaya defences.

INDIAN ARMY'S FIRST V. C. OF THIS WAR

SECOND LIEUTENANT PREMINDRA SINGH BHAGAT, of the Corps of Indian Engineers, is the first in the Indian Army to be awarded the Victoria Cross in this war.

Attached to the leading mobile forces which were pressing the enemy as they retreated towards Gondar after the attack from Galabat, Lieut. Bhagat was in charge of clearing the road which was thickly strewn with minefields, blocks and booby traps.

In spite of every precaution, Lieut. Bhagat's carrier was twice blown up, and many of his men killed or wounded. Declining all offers of relief, he carried on continuously for four days and succeeded in clearing 15 minefields and 55 miles of road. Finally he collapsed from exhaustion and shock with both ear drums burst by explosions.

His Commanding Officer described Lieut. Bhagat's action as "one of the longest continued feats of sheer cold courage I have ever met."

Premindra Singh Bhagat was born at Gorakhpur (U.P.) on Nov. 18, 1918. He is the son of the late Mr. S. S. Bhagat, formerly Executive Engineer, Civil Lines, Benares. He is the grand-nephew of Raja Sir Daljit Singh, K.B.E., C.S.I., of Kapurthala.

Premindra Singh was educated at home till the age of eleven and joined the Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College, Dehra Dun, in 1931. In 1937 he was admitted to the Indian Military Academy, where he was an outstanding student of his term, and was commissioned only two months before the outbreak of the war. He left for overseas after a period of further training.

His mother says that even in childhood "he showed keenness to become a soldier and was determined to be one."



SECOND LT. BHAGAT, V.C.

SOVIET ACTION AGAINST IRAN

Decision Explained To The People

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—News of the Soviet and British decision to deal effectively with the danger which the situation in Iran presented to both Powers in their struggle against Germany was announced on the radio in fullest detail to the Soviet people.

It does not come as a surprise to informed observers. The measured terms of the Soviet Note handed to the Iranian Ambassador speak for themselves. They make clear that there is no question of any aggression by the Soviet which is acting entirely in self-defence in sending troops into Iran and bases the action on a clause in the Soviet-Iran Treaty.

The Iran Government had been given three separate warnings regarding the attitude which the Soviet Government would be obliged to take in view of the continued activity in Iran of German agents.

STEADY INFILTRATION

From the early part of last year there was a steady flow of these agents through the Balkans and Turkey on their way to Iran and in recent months it had become increasingly clear that these agents have obtained considerable influence through the commercial enterprises, they are running or are helping to run.

It is felt here that no such situation could be allowed to brew in Iran as was produced in Iraq.

The Soviet and British decision to nip in the bud any such possibility. At the same time the terms of the Soviet Note make it very clear that the Soviet Union has no territorial designs on Iran.

The fact that the British and Soviet Governments are acting in concert will be welcomed here as further practical proof of their determination to act jointly in crushing Hitler's plans.

SURPRISE IN TURKEY

ANKARA, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—Although the British and Russians kept the Turks fully informed of all developments in regard to Iran, the news that troops have crossed the border created some surprise as it was not expected to happen so soon.

There is no official Turkish reaction yet, but it is generally believed that Turkey will declare she will remain neutral should a war break out.

The Turks are not concerned in regard to the British move, but the Russian action cannot be described as welcome or popular, though the statement that the Russians will withdraw as soon as possible has done much to mitigate possible nervousness.

Nearly every Turk believes that the Anglo-Russian move was dictated only by the desire to establish a link between the British and Russian forces.

It is thought to be a pity that the British did not act earlier than they started asking Iran to expel the Germans in January.

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Premier's Straight Talking Approved By Indian Press

BOMBAY, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—The Indian Press approvingly features Mr. Churchill's broadcast assuring the world of ultimate triumph for the defenders of freedom and the warning to Japan.

The MADRAS MAIL, referring to the warning to Japan, says: "There is no ambiguity about the warning. If Japan heeds, well and good, if not the fight will be on and we have no doubt who will win."

The INDIAN EXPRESS says: "Mr. Churchill's speech is an indication that the war has taken a hopeful turn from the British standpoint and that forces are well on hand for rendering Japanese aggression otiose and for stifling the Nazi hold in Europe."

The STATESMAN, referring to Mr. Churchill's straight talking to Japan, says that every effort will be made to secure a peaceful settlement with Tokyo but if this hope is disappointed Britain will range unhesitatingly on the side of the United States.

The MADRAS HINDU comments: "It is no doubt understandable why Britain and America are averse to provoking a conflict in the Pacific. If, at all, it could be avoided."

"NOTEWORTHY" UTTERANCE
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—Mr. Churchill's references to Japan are particularly stressed in the Swedish Press.

The DAGBLADET calls the warning to Japan a "noteworthy" utterance and also underlines the declaration that the policy of trade restrictions followed in the last war would not be restricted.

The DAGENS NYHETER states that the reference to Japan was made with "sharpness and tone."

The STOCKHOLM TIDNINGEN says that there is nothing new in the speech about American aid to Britain but points out that Britain is alongside the United States in the event of war with Japan.

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (Reuter).

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, at a Press conference declined to comment on Mr. Churchill's broadcast. He added that the United States was only holding informal talks with Japan and indicated that the United States was unwilling to compromise in any way on the fundamental principles of the policies.

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—Haiti consulates in Germany have been ordered to close by Sept. 5. This follows Haiti's recent action in closing German consulates.

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—Hundreds of cases of Communist sabotage against railways have been reported, according to Comte De Brion, Vichy envoy to Paris, in an interview with American journalists, states the Lyons radio.

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—The Duchess of Gloucester will not be undertaking any further public engagements during the next few months, it is announced.

The paper also stresses Mr. Churchill's statement that the Axis Powers would be disarmed while the Democracies will retain their arms.

All papers gave prominence to the figures given by Mr. Churchill of German losses in Russia.

TOKYO REACTION

TOKYO, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—Although obviously announced, authoritative Japanese sources here have rejected Mr. Churchill's accusations saying: "Who is menacing whom? Japan is not menacing anybody. Japan has not menaced anything."

Official Japanese reaction is not likely at least until the text has been fully received. It has been reported only sketchily.

Mr. Churchill's reference to alleged depredations of the Japanese military faction is labelled "just another attempt to depict a division of Japanese opinion and thereby disintegrate Japanese unity which is wholly impossible."

Japanese actions are said to be based upon solidly based and unanimous national policy.

SUCCESS OF GUNNERS IN DOUBLE TASK

LONDON, Aug. 26 (BWS).—Recent official figures stating that on all fronts since the war began, A.A. gunfire had been responsible for the destruction of 1,350 enemy aircraft, indicate the success of the gunners in the performance of a double task.

The object of A.A. fire is not only to bring down aeroplanes but also to break up formations and force the raiders to fly high where fighters have the opportunity of engaging them.

In this part of their duty, A.A. artillery had been strikingly successful also.

THAI CABINET CHANGES

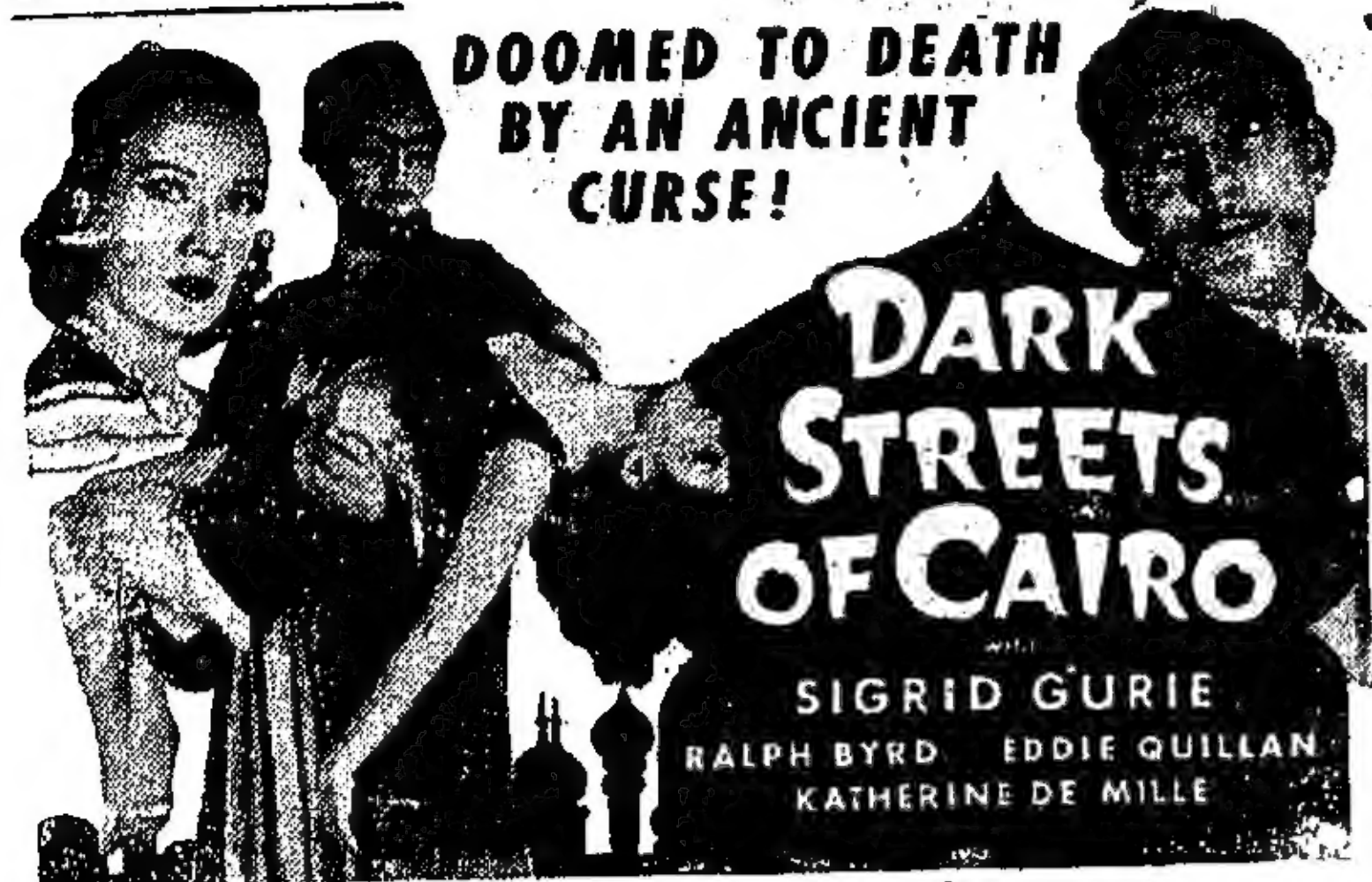
BANGKOK, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—Luang Biplu Songgram, Premier of Thailand, who used to hold the portfolios of Defence, Foreign Affairs and the Interior and who recently divested himself of the Defence Ministry, has appointed two independent Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Interior.

Nai Direk Chaiyaporn, formerly Deputy Foreign Minister, is appointed Foreign Minister, and Luang Chavengsakul, formerly Deputy Minister of the Interior, becomes Minister of the Interior, states Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

It will be recalled that Mr. Chavengsakul was formerly Minister of the Interior in the cabinet of King Prajadhipok.

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27—Tides: High 1.07 a.m. and 1.27 p.m.; Low 6.57 a.m. and 7.28 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 7.45 p.m.
Cheero Club Dance: 8.30 p.m.
Musical Evening at Chinese Merchants' Club: 9.15 p.m.
Basketball matches (See Page 2).
Tennis League matches (See Page 2).

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
European Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9 a.m. to noon.
Teachers' Day Celebration Meeting: 487 Nathan Road, 9 a.m.

28—Tides: High 1.51 a.m. and 2.33 p.m.; Low 7.59 a.m. and 8.01 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 7.44 p.m.
Annual General Meeting, Kowloon Golf Club, Kowloon City, 6 p.m.
Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong.
Diocesan Boys' School Entrance Examination for new boys, 9 a.m.
St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.
St. Andrew's Club Games Evening, 8.45 p.m.
Y's Men's Club Meeting, 7.30 p.m.
H.K. Philatelic Society Meeting, S.C.M.P. Bldg., 5.30 p.m.
Victoria Chess Club Gloucester Hotel, 6 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Ladies' Knitting Party (B.W.O.F.), Helena May Institute, 9 a.m. to noon.
Evacuation Representation Committee Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 6 p.m.

29—Tides: High 2.31 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.; Low 9.15 a.m. and 8.37 p.m.
Kowloon Football Club annual meeting, Club Pavilion, 6 p.m.
Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis.
St. Andrew's Wartime Intercession Service, 8.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Fellowship Talk by Pearce Squires.

30—Tides: High 3.43 a.m. and 5.24 p.m.; Low 10.57 a.m. and 9.27 p.m.
Farewell Luncheon to H.E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote and Lady Northcote, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.
St. Stephen's College Entrance Examination for new students, 9 a.m.
R.K. Club Soccer Section, Annual Meeting.

31—Tides: High 4.52 a.m. and 7.06 p.m.; Low 11.32 a.m. and 10.47 p.m.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 The Mills Brothers in Variety.

Vocal — Basin Street Blues (Williams); The Mills Brothers with Guitar. Piano—Quickstep Medley—Intro: If I Didn't Care; A New Moon and An Old Serenade; The Pretty Little Quaker Girl; Summer Sweetheart; My First Goodnight—Billy Thorburn with drums. Vocal — Sail Along; Silvery Moon (Tobias, Wernich); Summer Sweetheart (Gilbert); Vera Lynn with instrumental accompaniment. Mandoline — Serenade Medley (Bilvestri); La Java Du Rataka — Givara Mazurka (Van Herck); Prof. Giuseppe Gargano with Piano. Vocal — Mr. Peaganini (Lambert, Richards); Star Dust (Carmichael, Mitchell, Parish); The Mills Brothers and a Guitar.

1.30 Beuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Film Selections.

'Babes in Arms'—Where Or When (Hart and Rodgers); Good Morning (Freed and Brown)—Celia Lipton (Vocal) with Orch. "San Francisco"; Would You—Waltz (Freed & Brown) —Roy Fox and His Orchestra. "Society Lawyer"—I'm in Love With The Honourable Mrs. So and So (Costlow); "Second Fiddle"—I Poured My Heart Into A Song (Berlin)—"Hutch" (Leslie Hutchinson — Piano). "Forty Little Mothers" — Little Curly Hair In A High Chair (Tobias, Simon) — Billy Cotton and His Band. "Three Smart Girls" — Someone To Care For Me (Kaper, Jurnann) — Deanna Durbin (Vocal). "If I Had My Way"—Meet The Sun Half-Way (Monaco, Burke). Billy Cotton and His Band. "Youth Marches On" — New Frontiersmen (George Fraser)—Haymond Newell & Chorus w. Orch.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock quotations.

6.47 Humorous and Vocal Variety.

Humorous—The Crazy Gang At Sea (Crazy Gang and Will Wise) — Nervo

and Knox, Flanagan and Allen, Naughton and Gold. Vocal—A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square (From film "New Faces") — Sherwin, Maschwitz)—Elsie Carlisle with Novachord. Comedian—The Worm (Woodward and Askey)—Arthur Askey with small Orchestra. Vocal—Don't Ever Pass Me By (Watson—Denby)—Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) w. Novachord. Comedian — Flaming Phil, The Fireman (Dave Freer); Tyrolean (Lindsay) — Dave Willis with Orchestra. Vocal — Somewhere In England (Lanny Ross); The Night We Met In Honolulu (Ross) —Lanny Ross (Tenor) with Orchestra. Vocal—All Thro' A Glass Of Champagne (From "Lights Up") —(Gay and Winter); Evelyn Laye w. Orchestra. Vocal—Talking To The Wind (Dee—Schumann); The Things I Love (Barlow, Harris)—Barry Wood with Orch. Comedienne — I Didn't Really Never Oughter 'ave Went (From Cochran's "Lights Up") — Warner and Paul) — Doris Hare with Gerald and His Orch. Vocal—Two Little Doodle Bugs (Friend and Tobias)—Arthur Askey w. Orchestra.

7.30 Old Tunes in "Swingtime."

Pagan Love Song (Freed & Brown) —Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing. Loch Lomond (Traditional) arr. Thornhill)—Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra. Avalon (Jolson and Rose) —Val Rosing and His Swing Stars. Alive, Alive-O! (Corry, O'Brien) — Al and Bob Harvey (Vocal Duet) w. Orchestra. Alouette (Trad. Canadian Song) —Horace Heidt and His Orch. I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles (Kennerly)—Kellie Logan (Vocal) with Orchestra. Handel In Harlem (Scott Wood)—Scott Wood and His Six Swingers. Hindustan (Wallace, Weeks)—Bob Crosby's Bob Cats. I'll Be Lullaby (Trad.) —Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) and Her Orch.

8.00 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 London Relay—Listening Post.

Examination of Points in German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Warlock—"Capitol" Suite.

The Constant Lambert String Orchestra cond. by C. Lambert.

8.40 Studio—"English Humour" No. 1—Butler's "Hudibras."

Talk by Rev. Father T. Ryan, S.J.

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.03 Light Orchestral Selections.

Plymouth Hoe (A Nautical Overture—Ansell)—Light Symphony Orchestra. La Polletta (Salvatore Marchesi). Melodious Intermezzo (Edmund Kotscher)—Erich Olschewski and His Orchestra.

9.15 Studio—Talk on "Development of Social Services" by Miss Winifred Galbraith.

9.25 Charles Trenet (Vocal) & The Ochestra Mascotte.

Souvenir De Mona Lisa (J. Schebeck) — Orchestra mascotte. Piasek Vole; En Quittant Une Ville (J'Entends) Guanson (Trenet) — Charles Trenet and His Orchestra. Woodland Whispers (Albert Joost Sen); The Flowers (Waldteufel) — Waltzes—Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45 — 10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Operatic Duets.

"Valkyrie" — Siegmund Call Me (Wagner) — Georges Thill and Germaine Martinelli with Orch. "Madam Butterfly" — And Why Was He So Careful (Puccini)—Rosetta Pampalini and Conchita Velasquez. "Carmen"—Rest Thee Here, While I Read The Letter (Bizet)—Maria Carbone (Sop.) and Piero Paul (Tenor) and Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus. "Aida"—To Die So Pure and Lovely (Verdi)—Ross Ponselle (Soprano) and Giovanni Martinelli (Tenor) w. Orch.

10.00 London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 Compositions of Elgar.

Woodland Interlude (From "Caractacus"); Dream Children, Op. 43 — London Symphony Orchestra. La Capricieuse, Op. 17—Josef Hasso with Piano (Violin). Song of Liberty (Pomp and Circumstance March, No. 4)—Dennis Noble and Chorus w. The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. Enigma Variations, Op. 36—The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult.

11.00 London Relay — Britain Today.

11.15 Close Down.

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RUSSIANS CLAIM ADVANCE OF 40 KILOMETRES INTO IRAN: BRITISH LANDING IS RESISTED

MOSCOW, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—The official Soviet news agency announces that Russian troops have advanced 40 kilometres into Iran and that the advance continues, while Moscow radio says that Soviet troops are advancing in the direction of Tabriz.

According to the latest news from Iran available in authoritative circles yesterday afternoon, the British units which entered the country encountered some resistance, but it is not yet known where this occurred or how serious the resistance was, states a report from London.

One British contingent made a landing from the sea in the Persian Gulf at Bandar Shapur. It is believed that this contingent met some resistance but this is not definitely confirmed.

The British forces entering Iran include both British and Indian troops but it is understood that no Dominion troops are involved.

WHEAT FOR IRANIANS

SIMLA, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—Sixty thousand tons of wheat have already been sent from India to Iran. This wheat is for the people of Iran with whom Britain has no quarrel, and whose normal supplies have been seriously depleted by earlier Axis demands.

Steps are being taken to send supplies of other essential commodities to Iran.

It is estimated that there are at present about 3,000 Indians in Iran, mainly in oil-fields and in Meshed Aram, in the northwest.

Precautionary measures regarding Iranian consulates in India will, it is expected, be taken immediately.

TOWNS BOMBED

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—British forces bombed and shelled several Iranian towns, according to the Iranian Premier, addressing an extraordinary session of the Iranian Parliament, according to the Teheran radio last night.

The Premier said: "You all know that the beginning of the present war, the Iranian Government, in accordance with the

Iranian Army Strength

EFFICIENCY NOT UNDERESTIMATED

LONDON, Aug. 26 (British Wire).—According to information available here the Iranian Army, which is a personal creation of Shah Reza Pahlavi (himself a famous cavalry leader), amounts to some 150,000 men organised in 18 divisions raised by conscription.

Officers are supplied from cadets of the Staff College in Teheran.

The equipment of some divisions of the Army is up to modern standards. Training hours of the troops are long and their efficiency is recognised in British military quarters.

There are some 25 cavalry, about 50 infantry and 15 artillery regiments and also sappers, signalers and gendarmes. The tanks are of Czechoslovak make and are of the medium and light class. Their artillery consists of Bofors mountain guns and Skoda pieces.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications in Persia are few but the main railways and roads lead from the northern western and southern frontiers to the capital.

One line runs from Bandar Shapur, at the head of the Persian Gulf (where the British landed), through Ahwaz to Teheran and thence to the Caspian at Bandar Shapur near the Russian frontier east of the Caspian. Another runs from the Russian frontier in the Caucasus to Tabriz, after which there is a gap, and then from Zinjan to Teheran.

The two main roads (having heavy metal surfaces and good for motor transport all the year round except for snow blocking in winter) lead from the Russian frontier at Julfa to Teheran and from the Iraqi town of Khandakin to Teheran.

The secondary roads, poor in summer and often impassable in winter, lead from Northern Iraq to Soviet Armenia, from Ahwaz (near the oilfield) to Kazvin and Teheran, from Pahlavi, on the Caspian, to Kazvin, from Meshed on the north-east frontier to Teheran and from Teheran to Shiraz.

NATURAL OBSTACLES

Rivers running into the Caspian from the Elburs Mountains form military obstacles to any march along the shore of the Caspian from the north-west or north-east while both the Caspian and Persian Gulf littoral districts are unhealthy.

The country is three times the size of France and mostly mountainous in the north and west bordering Russia and Iraq.

'PLANE-U-BOAT' ATTACK ON CONVOY

Seven Merchantmen Sunk In The Fight

LISBON, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—Fifteen merchant ships which are understood to be part of a convoy of 25 ships attacked by enemy aircraft and submarines off Cadiz on Friday while en route to Gibraltar from Britain, have arrived in the Tagus.

According to the Lisbon newspaper Diario de Noticias seven merchantmen were sunk in the fight following the attack while warships escorting the convoy were damaged.

The ships of the convoy which escaped a tenacious pursuit saved the greater part of the crews of the ships that were lost.

The vessels which arrived in the Tagus include the Switzerland 1,291 tons, Lanahone 1,221 tons, Palwing, Meta 1,575 tons, Spero 3,619 tons, Cervantes 1,810 tons, Ibro 1,006, Petrel 1,354 tons, Starling 1,329 tons, Empire Stream, Lyminge 2,499 tons and Grethead 4,274 tons.

SEVEN LOST

Seven ships totalling 10,000 tons were lost from a British convoy attacked off the Spanish coast last week. One corvette was the only vessel lost by the escort.

These figures compare with the German claim to have sunk 25 ships and also to have destroyed two other warships.

WORLD'S LARGEST BOMB FACTORY

ELLWOOD, Ill., Aug. 26 (Reuter).—What is considered the world's largest factory making aerial bombs began operations here this week-end. A steady stream of bombs roll from the assembly line which is a mile long.

Work on the factory began in November, 1940, under a contract calling for completion within a year's time; so production has started more than three months ahead of schedule.

The supervising officer is Lieut.-Colonel T. C. Gerber, who says that the plant comprises 23 square miles of buildings and magazines. The factory cost \$30,000,000.

It is not on as large a scale as, say, in Syria.

The Iranian Army is believed to number about 19 divisions, said to be well-trained but lacking modern equipment. It is reported that their Air Force is only 10 modern aircraft while there are said to be even fewer tanks, of German make.

AIR-BORNE AID

There is a possibility that the Germans may try to send reinforcements by air, but the fact that Russia is acting in co-operation with Britain will make this most difficult.

The advance from Iraq should lead to a rapid linking up of the British and Russian troops. This step towards the creation of a front stretching from Murmansk southwards to the Middle East, from Cairo to Basra, will form a great arc on Germany's east, barring her road.

Dr. Quo Tai-Chi Welcomes British Warning To Japan

CHUNGKING, Aug. 26 (Central).—China welcomes the grave and sharp warning by Mr. Winston Churchill to Japan against any further aggression in the Far East and the Pacific, said DR. QUO TAI-CHI, Minister of Foreign Affairs, commenting upon the British Premier's broadcast.

Mr. Churchill's broadcast together with the conversations now being held in Washington between Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese Ambassador to Washington, and the United States Government and in Tokyo between Mr. Joseph Clark Grew, American Ambassador to Japan, and the Gaimusho must make it unmistakably clear to Japan that the "red light signals" have been given her against the continuation of the aggressive policy, Dr. Quo said.

Ignoring the warning, Dr. Quo added, will certainly bring Japan into conflict with the "armed policeman" of the world. "This warning may be regarded as the last opportunity for Japan to make the choice between the abandonment and continuation of the

Russians Leave Novgorod After Tenacious Fighting: U-Boat Sunk In Black Sea

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—The evacuation of NOVGOROD is announced in the Soviet midnight communique which states: "During Aug. 25 our troops stubbornly fought the enemy along the whole front. After tenacious fighting our troops left Novgorod."

"In the course of Aug. 24, 46 enemy planes were brought down in air combats and destroyed on aerodromes. We lost six planes."

"In the Black Sea our warships sank a German submarine."

There is still no confirmation in London that the Germans have any bridgeheads across the Dnieper and the main part of the fighting thus remains west of the river.

While circumstantial evidence shows that the Dnieper-Petrovsk Dam has been blown up, no official statement has been received to that effect from the Russian Government.

Fighting continues to be intense on the Leningrad front but there has been no marked move.

In the Smolensk-Gomel area, it is known that the Russians are counter-attacking but no details have reached London.

LACONIC COMMUNIQUE

Both the Russian and German communiques are exceedingly laconic and add nothing to our knowledge of the situation on the eastern front, writes ANNALIST.

The Russian communique speaks of severe fighting at Kexholm, Novgorod and Dnieper-Petrovsk while the German communique says that operations are proceeding satisfactorily according to plan.

It would seem, therefore, that neither side has any special claim to record and that no further German advance has been scored in the Leningrad sector.

Independent information suggests that Marshal Timoshenko's counter-offensive is gathering momentum east of Kiev and may relieve the German pressure in the Dnieper head where the famous industrial centre of Dnieper-Petrovsk is mentioned for the first time.

NASTY THORN

There is, however, no suggestion that the Germans have anywhere been able to establish themselves on the east bank of the river. The German admission that Russian bridge-heads are being attacked suggests that Marshal Budenny is still in comfortable control of the river and that the Russian garrison in Odessa is proving a nasty thorn in the German flank.

The most important development, however, is taking place in the region of the Caucasus, where British and Russian forces are likely to establish a junction very soon. The effect of this open and expeditious route for supplies and, if necessary, reinforcements, should have an appreciable result on the operations in southern Russia. The possibilities of early R.A.F. collaboration must not be overlooked.

Big Shanghai Robbery

SILVERSMITH FIRM LOSE \$420,000

CHUNGKING, Aug. 26 (Central).—One of the biggest robberies in Shanghai involving the loss of over \$420,000 took place in the Chu Hsing Silversmiths in Rue du Consulat in the French Concession, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

Eight or nine robbers broke into the shop by the back door shortly after six o'clock in the morning. They cut the telephone and alarm bell wires, bound and gagged all salesmen, numbering between 20 and 30 and forced the younger brother of the proprietor to hand over the key of the safe.

They took from the safe ten gold bars, over 100 gold and silver rings, over 100 gold bracelets, earrings, and other ornaments, weighing totally 450 ounces and valued at more than \$420,000, and escaped in a motor car. A reward has been offered for the arrest of the robbers.

TOBRUK PATROLS

CAIRO, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—British patrols at Tobruk are active despite continued enemy artillery and mortar fire, states a communique from the British G.H.Q.

One dive-bombing attack during the day did only minor damage.

In the frontier area, there was intermittent artillery fire and some patrol activity.

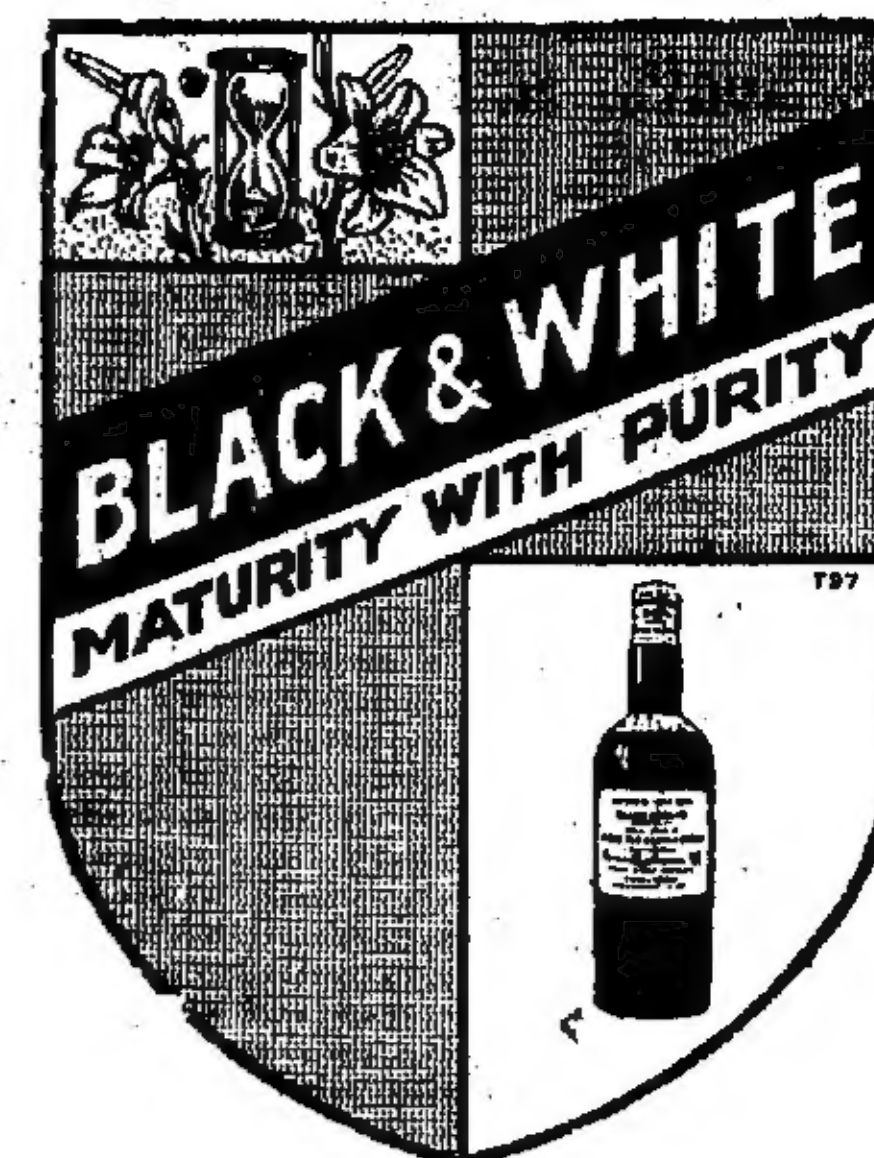
JAPANESE BLOCKADE OF S'HAU IS FEARED

CHUNGKING, Aug. 26 (Central).—There is grave fear in Shanghai that a Japanese blockade of the International Settlement and the French Concession similar to that of the British Concession in Tientsin in 1939 will occur.

Well-informed circles predict that the Japanese will enforce a complete blockade as soon as the Pacific situation further worsens to cut off food supply for the settlement areas, and in the event of any disorder caused by food shortage the Japanese will use it as a pretext to demand wider powers from the Shanghai Municipal Council. Rice is now sold at \$130 per picul in Shanghai.

Barbed-wire barricades extending for about 25 miles have been erected by the Japanese around the International Settlement and the French Concession. The adjacent roads are blocked with barricades leaving only narrow passages for traffic.

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—It is announced in Berlin that the German Consulate in Cuba has been closed.



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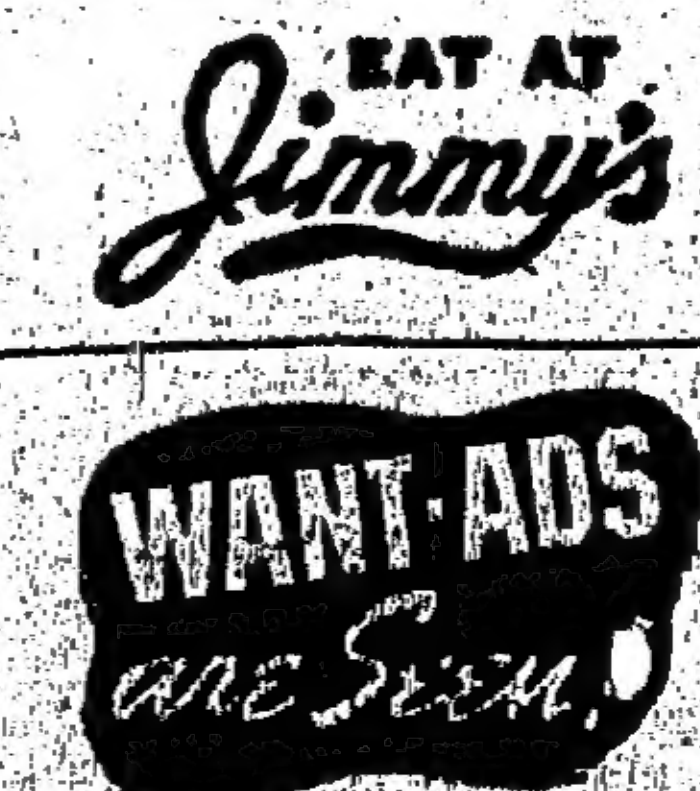
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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

AUGUST 26, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale Aug. 26	STOCKS	Last Sale Aug. 26
Adams Express	64	Johnsmanville	86 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	23 1/2	Kennecott Copper	38 1/2
Allis Chalmers	29 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	27 1/2
Amer. Can.	30 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	27 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	39 1/2	Loew's Inc.	36 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	2 1/2	Martin, Glen L. Co.	27 1/2
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	21 1/2	Montgomery Ward	34
Amer. Locomotive Co.	13 1/2	National Aviation	8 1/2
Amer. Metals	19	Nat. Dairy Products	14 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Distillers	22 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	5 1/2
Amer. Sling and R'ing Co.	41 1/2	National Supply Corp.	7 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	19	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	154 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	69 1/2	N. American Aviation	14 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	4 1/2	North American Co. (New)	13
Anaconda Copper	28 1/2	Northern Pacific	7 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	28 1/2	Packard Motors	3
Aviation Corp.	3 1/2	Panama Oil Ven.	4 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive Co.	14 1/2	Paramount Pictures	14 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	4 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	10	Phillips Petroleum	44 1/2
Bendix Aviation	37 1/2	Pullman Inc.	28 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	68 1/2	Pure Oil	9 1/2
Bliss & Co., E.W. (com.)	16 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	18 1/2	Reading Company, Com	16 1/2
Borg-Warner	18 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Briggs Mfg. Co.	18 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	4 1/2	Republic Steel	19 1/2
Canadian Pacific	44	Reynold Tobac. "B"	31 1/2
Celanese Corp.	25 1/2	Schenley Distillers	18
Cheapeake & Ohio	37 1/2	Shell Union Oil	13 1/2
Chrysler	58 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	2 1/2	Southern Pacific	14 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	23 1/2	Southern Ry. \$5 pf.	30 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	4	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	37
Consolidated Edison Co.	17 1/2	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Standard Gas & Elec.	17 1/2
Copperweld Steel	15 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	42 1/2
Curtis Wright (C)	9	Studebaker Com.	5 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	70 1/2	Swift International	22 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	158 1/2	Technicolor	9 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	94	Texas Corp.	4 1/2
Elec. Autolite Co.	28 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	2 1/2	20th Cent. Fox Film, Com.	7 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	54 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	11
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf.	59 1/2	Union Pacific	8 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	35	United Aircraft	40 1/2
Flintkote	14 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	11
Gen. Electric	32 1/2	United Corp.	1
Gen. Motors	3 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	23 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	14 1/2	United Gas Improvement	7 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	12 1/2	U.S. Rubber	23 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	18 1/2	U.S. Steel	57 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	18 1/2	Vanadium	25
Great Northern Iron Ore	17 1/2	Vulcan Aircraft	7 1/2
Great Northern Ry. pf.	26	Walworth Co.	5
Great Western Sugar	26	Warner Bros. Pict.	5 1/2
Inter. Nickel	27	Westinghouse Elec.	91
Inter. Paper & Power	18 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	26 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel. (Fon. Ia.)	21 1/2	Chase National Bank	30 1/2
		National City Bank	27 1/2

DOW JONES AVERAGE

1941	Aug. 26, 1941	Change
High	Low	Dow Jones Averages
133.60	115.30	Industrials
30.88	26.04	Rails
20.60	17.23	Utilities
92.19	89.06	Bonds
79.48	66.45	Commodity Index

Business Done—320,000 shares

N.Y. Commodity Market

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

New York, Aug. 25.

Previous	Close	High	Low	Change
N.Y. Cotton, Oct.	16.36	16.42	16.25	unch.
Chicago Wheat, Sept.	111 1/2	113	111	1/2 up
Chicago Corn, Sept.	77	77	76 1/2	1/2 off

NEW YORK COTTON	Closing Ranges	Changes
Oct.	16.36/36	unch.
Dec.	16.52/53	3/8 off
Jan.	16.52	3/8 off
Mar.	16.69/69	3/8 off
May	16.72/72	3/8 off
July	16.65	unch.

Saturday's sales—45,000 bales.	
First Notice Day—1/10 Last—23/10.	

Saturday's sales:—45,000 bales.	Sept. 7.30 N	.15
First Notice Day—1/10 Last—23/10.	Dec. 7.43 N	.05
	Last Notice day:—23/9.	
	NEW YORK WOOL GREASE	

CHICAGO WHEAT	Closing Ranges	Changes
Sept.	112/112	1/2 up
Dec.	115 1/2/115 1/2	1/2 up
May	118 1/2/118 1/2	1/2 up

24/12.	September	2.68b/6
CHICAGO WHEAT	January	2.70b/7
Sept. 112/112		
Dec. 115 1/2/115 1/2	1/2 up	
	1/2 up	

CHICAGO RYE	Closing Ranges	Changes
Dec.	71 1/2/71 1/2	1/2 up
May	70 1/2	unch.

NEW YORK LARD	Closing Ranges	Changes
Sept.	10.10b	3/8 off
Dec.	10.57b	3/8 off

NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER	Closing Ranges	Changes
Sept.	5.77b/58a	3/8 off
Dec.	5.90b/59a	3/8 off

Sept.	10.10b	.05 off	months. Business rather w-
Dec.	10.57b	.03 off	pand in spite of "cash" being
NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER			chased moderately from c
Sept.	5.77b/00a	.09 off	sources. A small amount of "c
			selling was well absorbed.

Finance and Commerce

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

LOSING QUOTATIONS

AUGUST 26, 1941.

London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
Shanghai:—	
On demand	460
Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
Japan:—	
On demand	162 1/4
India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	82 5/8
and demand	
New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 16/16	
Credits, 60 days' sight 26 6/8	
Batavia:—	
On demand	46 3/4
Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Note	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
Salmon:—	
On demand	108
Manila:—	
On demand	49 7/8
Bangkok:—	
On demand	148
Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	23 1/2

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Tuesday, Aug. 26.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 7/8 for both Ready and Forward. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 up to October, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS
Selling rate to Merchants at 25 1/16.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Sellers at 517, buyers at 520.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Unofficial rate sellers of Sterling at 27 7/8 and U. S. Dollars at 427/32.

AFTERNOON MARKET
Quiet.

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 up to October, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS
Selling rate to Merchants at 25 1/16.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Sellers at 517, buyers at 519.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Unofficial market, Sterling at 215/16 sellers and U. S. Dollars at 47/8.

Shanghai Exchange
Shanghai, Aug. 26 (Reuter)

Official T.T. Rates
Opening

London 0/3-5/32
New York 6-5/16
Japan unquoted
India 17-1/2
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

Paris unquoted
Hongkong 21
Silver Duty Rate
The Equalisation rate was 24 1/2 per cent.

India Rupee Paper
Bombay, Aug. 25 (Reuter).
Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 96-0-0.

SILVER MARKET
LONDON SILVER
London, Aug. 25 (Reuter).
Silver—Market quietly steady with small trade demand satisfied. Spot, 23-1/2d.

Forward, 23-1/2d.
BOMBAY SILVER
Bombay, Aug. 25 (Reuter).
Market—Quiet but steady. On-take 50 bars.

Indian Mint Silver
Ready 12-13-0
Sept. 17 Settlement 62-13-0
Oct. 14 Settlement 62-14-0

FEDERAL RESERVE RETURNS
New York, Aug. 25 (Reuter).
Aug. 12 Aug. 19
(100% Omitted).
Total Loans \$10,685,000 \$10,685,000
Investments 18,311,000 18,337,000

Facilities For Exchange

Facilities for exchange by both Chinese and foreigners in China and provision of foreign exchange for legitimate trade following the American and British orders for the freezing of Chinese assets were explained by a spokesman of the Ministry of Finance recently.

The spokesman said that money orders and deposit receipts in foreign currency may be sold to the Central Bank of China at the market rates of U.S. \$1 for C.N. \$18.82; £1 for \$76.04; one rupee for C.N. \$5.71 and H.K. \$1 for C.N. \$4.76. Cheques of individuals must have bank guarantee.

Foreign exchange may be deposited in the Central Bank of China in the original currencies. Withdrawals must be applied for in accordance with the procedure promulgated by the Ministry of Finance and payment will be made in the original currencies.

Foreign exchange, the spokesman added, will be provided to merchants for legitimate trade at the above-mentioned rates. Applications must be accompanied by invoices, Customs import certificates, duty receipts and other necessary documents. Such imports must not be included in the list of goods whose imports is banned by order of the Ministry of Finance.

The spokesman further stated that in view of the need of Chinese currency by American tourists and religious organisations in China the Central Bank of China has been instructed by the Ministry to accept American dollar notes, cheques and money orders from Americans, exchanging at the market rates.—(Central).

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Aug. 25.
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red. after 1952) 105-1/16
Defence Loan, 3% 101
Canton-K'loon Ry. 5% 13
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 47
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1925/47 45
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Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912 30 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 38
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers) 10
Chin. Imperial Ry. 5% 57
Roman Ry. 5% 1905 14
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue) 15
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (German Issue) 13
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Ry. 5%, 1913 17
Shai-N'king Ry. 5% 47
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 12 1/2
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (German Stpd.) 12 1/2
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 12 1/2
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 12 1/2
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924 21-24
Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924 51
Chartered Bank 94
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Ldn. Reg.) 77
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Chinese Eng. & Mining (Bearer) 13/6
Chosen Corporation 4-
Mercantile Bank of India, £5, "C" 11 1/2
Pekin Syndicate 17-
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co. 15-
S'hai Waterworks "A" 15
Union Insurance 22
Gula Kalumpung Rubber 15
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Ry. 15 1/2
Great Western Ry. 40 1/2
National Bank of India B.A. Tob. (Bearer) 84/4 1/2
Dunlop Rubber 35/8
Bristol Aeroplane 10/9
Imperial Chemical Ind. 31/14
United Steel 23/6
Woolworths 87/9
Marsman Investments 6/3
Western Holdings 17/8
Sub-Nigel 145/-
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HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE

SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyer	Seller	Sales	Nominal	TUESDAY 26 AUGUST.	Buyer	Seller	Sales	Nominal
\$1410	Banks	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Banks	...	...	...	\$1415
...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	...	282
...	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	287
...	Chartered Bank	...	...	...	291
...	Mercantile Bk. "A"	...	...	...	293 1/2
...	Mercantile Bk. "C"	...	...	...	211 1/2
...	Bank of East Asia	74 1/2	...	...	...
...	N. C. & S. Banks	17 ct.	...	...	...
...	Insurance	...	...	...	...
...	Canton Insurance	...	...	...	\$230
...	Union Insurance	...	...	...	\$415
...	Underwriters	75 cts.	...	...	...
...	H.K. Fire	...	...	...	\$185
...	Shipping	...	...	...	...
...	Douglases	...	...	...	\$120
...	Steamboats	...	...	...	\$84
...	Indo-China (Prof.)	...	...	...	\$90
...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	...	\$70
...	Shells	49/4	...	...	49/4
...	Waterboats	\$6.55	...	...	\$6 1/2
...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	...	\$91
...	Provident	...	...	...	\$16
...	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	...	\$16
...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	...	\$29 1/2
...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	...
...	Mining	...	...	...	...
...	Kailans	13/6	...	...	\$7.80
...	Ranhs	...	...	...	...
...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...	...
...	Lands, Hotels and Buildings	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...	\$3.55
...	H.K. Lands	...	...	...	\$25
...	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	...	\$97 1/2
...	Shanghai	...	...	...	\$3.30
...	H.K. Realms	...	...	...	\$6.80
...	Hampden	...	...	...	...
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...
...	Cotton Mills	...	...	...	...
...	Two (S.)	...	...	...	\$30 1/2
...	S'hai Cottons (S.)	...	...	...	\$305
...	Zong Sings (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...	\$135
...	Public Utilities	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Tramways	...	...	...	\$17
...	Peak Trans (old)	...	...	...	\$74
...	Peak Trans (new)	\$83
...	Star Ferries	\$40 1/2
...	Y'mat Ferries
...	China Lights (O)	\$6
...	China Lights (New)	\$1

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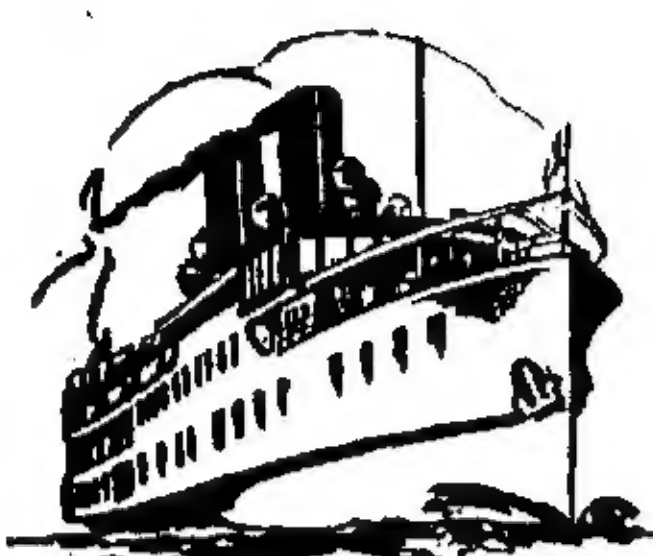
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SHOT OFFICER

Police Were Looking For Him

Barely a minute before the arrival of the military police, who were searching for him, Second-Lieut. Peter Blake, 21, of the Somerset Light Infantry, whose home was at Drummond-grove, Great Barr, Birmingham, shot himself with a revolver in the cloakroom at a West-end hotel, says the News of the World.

This was related to the Westminster coroner. Mr W. Bentley Purchase, at the inquest, when Blake's young widow—a bride of only a few weeks—heard the verdict that her husband took his life while of unsound mind.

Lieut. R. G. Forbes-Bassett, of the Military Police, stated that Blake was not stationed in London. He had been absent from his unit and his description had been circulated to all the leading London hotels.

The military police were informed that Blake had arrived at a West-end hotel. When he (Lieut. Bassett) went there the manager said, "Hurry up, because he is sitting in the cloakroom with a revolver in his hand."

SIGNED AS "CAPTAIN"

"I went to the cloakroom, but a minute before I arrived he shot himself," added Lieut. Bassett. "He was wearing captain's insignia. There is no reason why he should have taken his life."

Blake, added the lieutenant, had been issuing cheques, which would have been no good, but they were not presented.

Frank Soul, hotel receptionist, said that Blake arrived at about 4 p.m. He gave the name of Peter Radcliffe, and signed "Captain" after his signature. He said that his batman was bringing his luggage by the next train from Birmingham.

His luggage did not arrive, so he was asked for something on account. He said that he did not have much money, and he asked for a blank cheque. He filled it up, but the signature did not tally with the signature on the registration book.

CHEQUE NOT ACCEPTED

Blake was told that the cheque would not be accepted. The military police had been told, and Soul tried to engage Blake in conversation until they arrived. Blake said he would have to leave and went to the cloak-room, where Soul heard a shot fired.

A police sergeant said that Blake had only a few coppers in cash in his pocket, and there was a note addressed "To whoever it may concern," which, the coroner revealed, gave instructions for the disposal of his property.

Mrs. Blake, who did not give evidence at the inquest, afterwards said: "I cannot believe that my husband was in trouble over money, because he had a bank balance."

"It may be that he wanted to

HITLER'S STRATEGY IN EAST IS NO SECRET

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—Hitler's strategy in the east is no secret, involving as it does a drive through the Caucasus to Iran through Afghanistan and then on to India, it is declared in London.

It is held that Nazi preparation for the occupation of Iran is identical with that of all other countries earmarked for German development.

It is known that at the German Legation at Teheran, the Iranian capital, there is installed the usual corps of so-called attaches and experts who are immensely busy—this time with the task of sham industrialisation of an essentially agrarian country.

Iran was also the refuge of Raschid Ali following the ill-fated Iraqi revolt, and although he has now left Iran, another dangerous personality remains: the Mufti of Jerusalem—that ace provocateur of Palestine strife—also travelled to Teheran and still finds sanctuary there.

Iran was selected by Hitler as a country which could be exploited. These provinces would be of immense strategical value in preparing an advance into the rich Baku oil fields and later his armies would benefit from the groundwork accomplished by resident Nazi-Iranian representatives in any drive on India.

This is the background of Iran, whose 15,000,000 people live in an area three times the size of France, in a country whose climate is arid or semi-arid and whose mountain ranges and deserts form its main defence.

RICH PRIZE

Iran has in the past been conquered from the west, east and south, and in those times the invaders were not as desperate as are today's Nazis for Iran's 60,000,000 barrels of oil which her wells produce annually.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF Y.M.C.A.

The European Y.M.C.A. swimming championships commenced last night and resulted as follows:—

100 yards back-stroke: 1, E. A. Roberts, 7 mins. 8.4/5 secs.; 2, D. S. Wilson 8 mins. 0.4/8 secs.; 3, F. Willis.

220 yards free-style: 1, A. F. Lay, 2 mins. 46.3/5 secs.; 2, L. A. Benn, 2 mins. 48.3/5 secs.; 3, D. Hutchinson.

In the Boys' 50 yards free-style the only one swimmer, G. Saunders, was clocked at 28 secs.

The championships will be continued tomorrow at 8 p.m.

live in a more expensive manner than he could. But I can't think of any reason why he should have wanted to kill himself.

"According to his senior officers, he had a great future in his Army career."

CANADIAN BUSINESS CONDITIONS

BY F. A. CARMAN

Canadian business maintained its upward trend in May and early June. According to preliminary returns the index of the physical volume of production was again much higher than last year. Reports from agricultural trade recorded advances in grain, live stock and dairying. The industrial picture, which is noticeably incomplete, is mixed; but construction showed a decided advance. In the financial sphere bank clearings were greater and wholesale prices were higher. The widely representative indicator of carloadings recorded a marked gain. Exports of domestic products were about forty-seven per cent higher than last year.

In the main (western) division of the grain trade of Canada, inspections of all grains increased from 17,108,000 bushels in May, 1940 to 47,798,000 bushels this year. For the second week in June wheat receipts at the primary markets of the Prairie Provinces showed an advance from 2,195,000 bushels last year to 3,789,000 bushels this year.

Live stock sales increased between the two Mays, from 195,000 to 199,000 head. Factory cheese production rose from 12,595,000 to 16,386,000 pounds; creamery butter from 27,300,000 to 32,849,000 pounds; and concentrated milk from 21,190,000 to 28,195,000 pounds.

PIG IRON GAINS

The most recent report from the iron and steel industry is for April, which showed gains in both pig iron and steel output. On this comparison pig iron increased from 84,000 to 103,000 tons and steel from 163,000 to 201,000 tons. In the associated automobile industry the May report showed a rise in output from 21,277 to 26,586 units; military vehicles are now playing a salient part in the automobile industry.

On the May comparison, newsprint production declined from 324,000 to 285,000 tons; and raw cotton consumption from 17,755,000 to 18,503,000 pounds. Lumber exports decreased from 160,000 to 153,000 board feet; but woodpulp exports rose from 1,899,000 to 2,257,000 hundredweight.

The volume of construction contracts awarded advanced from \$28,094,000 to \$40,876,000.

Two widely representative indices available include bank clearings and carloadings. Both recorded gains on the May comparison. Carloadings for that month rose from 237,000 last year to 278,000 this year; while for the first week in June there was an advance from 67,000 to 68,000. Bank clearings for May increased from \$1,289 to \$1,934 million. The index of wholesale prices for the second week in June advanced from 81.8 last year to 89.3 this year.

Total domestic exports (excluding gold) from Canada increased from \$109,853,000 in May, 1940 to \$181,039,000 in May just past. Shipments to the United States rose from \$43,478,000 to \$54,858,000; and to the United Kingdom from \$40,922,000 to \$72,738,000.

Development by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company of the country's oil resources has today made Iran No. 3 oil producer in the world.

Although the Persians are doughty fighters they have today little but their traditional courage with which to oppose any panzer drive. The Iranian Army is around 100,000 strong and has an air force of about 280 planes, mostly of an antiquated design. There are at least one dozen air bases established and the country is in general suitable for the construction of landing grounds.

Iran's tiny navy concentrates on carrying out patrols in the Persian Gulf.

Lying as it does midway between the Soviet Union and India, Iran has become the centre of conjecture in which only one thing is certain—the Germans' determination to exploit Iran's strategical situation and her great natural resources.

SUCCESSFUL ESPIONAGE

German agents in Iran have been generously supplied with Reichsbank gold and their tasks of espionage and corruption have met with some success. There has been extensive Nazi infiltration and there is sound reason for assuming that their activities have met with considerable success amongst the officers and ranks of the Iranian Army. This is an achievement which has gratified Hitler.

Iran, whose development in the last 20 years has been almost entirely due to British aid, as the bulk of her revenue comes from the percentage payment on her oil production, has been given every opportunity to rid herself of German infiltration but has failed to do so.

WOOD FALLS OFF LORRY

Pedestrians walking along Tam Kung Road, near Boundary Street, yesterday afternoon were startled when a load of wood on a travelling lorry suddenly came crashing down to the roadway bringing with it a coolie who was riding on top.

The lorry, No. 2042, driven by Wing Lam, was going along the street with a load of wood and with Ng Tai, aged 23 years, sitting on top of the pile as a passenger. The side board of the lorry burst open throwing the wood and Ng to the ground.

Ng sustained a fractured arm and leg injuries and was admitted to hospital.

PROGRESS PARAGRAPHS

Among the provinces of the Dominion, Prince Edward Island is the largest percentage user of electricity for domestic purposes. Of a total production of 7,747,000 kwh. in 1939, 97.5 per cent. was taken by domestic customers, compared with 8.2 per cent. for the Dominion. During the ten years 1930-1939, number of domestic users in the island increased by 33.87 per cent., reaching a total of 5,087 while use of kilowatt hours per customer rose by 85.8 per cent., the largest gain in all Canada.

Some fifty communities in rural Nova Scotia have completed formation of companies in the province's "garden brigade," which now totals nearly a thousand members. The movement is sponsored by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture through the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture through the Women's Institutes, as a means of promoting greater production of home-grown vegetables.

Rehabilitation of muskrats and beaver is being carried out on three selected areas in Saskatchewan under a cooperative arrangement between the provincial and federal governments, reports the Dominion Department of Mines and Resources. Preserves already established cover some 2,000 square miles, and during the summer of 1940 five dams were constructed which will effect some 100,000 acres of marsh land.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 27th AUGUST, 1941.

Parcel Post Service to Japan is temporarily suspended.

Air Mail to Rangoon to connect with the British Overseas Airways Service will until further notice be closed on Mondays and Fridays. Correspondence for despatch by this route must be superscribed by "C.N.A.C."

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

Yunnan
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Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu)
Kwangsi
North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st August.	28th Aug.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 2nd September.	9th Sept.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

For	Date and Time
THURSDAY	Thu. 28th Aug.
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
FRIDAY	Fri. 29th Aug.
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	G.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
MONDAY	Mon. 1st Sept.
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	G.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 3rd Sept.
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O.
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CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES

All records were surpassed last year for the output value of the chemical group of Canadian manufactures. The increase over 1939 was 15 per cent. Gains were reported last year in each of the industries in which the manufacturing plants are classified. The largest proportionate increase was in hardwood distillation at 42 per cent., with coal tar distillation second at 36 per cent. and acids, alkalies and salts third at 31 per cent. The heavy chemicals industry also ranked first in output value, displacing medicinals and pharmaceuticals. Both exports and imports showed gains.

The total value of production in the group of chemical and allied product industries increased from \$159,537,000 in 1939 to \$184,153,000 last year. The number of plants declined from 808 to 804 but the capital employed rose from \$172,459,000 to \$202,066,000; the number of employees from 22,595 to 25,471 and the payroll from \$31,568,000 to \$38,222,000; while the cost of materials advanced from \$65,231,000 to \$77,354,000.

Of the total value of production last year \$102,969,000 came from Ontario, \$58,842,000 from Quebec and \$11,226,000 from British Columbia. This industrial group is represented in all nine provinces of the Dominion.

ACIDS INCREASED

The value of production in the acids, alkalies and salts industry increased from \$23,057,000 in 1939 to \$30,199,000 in 1940. In medicinals and pharmaceuticals there was a rise from \$27,184,000 to \$29,694,000; in paints, pigments and varnishes from \$25,856,000 to \$28,694,000; and in soaps and washing compounds from \$20,145,000 to \$20,564,000.

Hardwood distillation had the smallest output value in the group but rose from \$187,700 to \$1,047,000. Above it were ranked adhesives rising from \$2,111,000 to \$2,838,000; inks from \$3,456,000 to \$3,648,000; pollishes and dressings

JAPANESE SHOT EIGHT TIMES

SHANGHAI, Aug. 26 (Reuter).—Two Japanese, one in the employ of the Japanese Army, were shot yesterday evening in the Wayside District which is in a section of the International Settlement controlled by the Japanese.

One Japanese, shot eight times, died instantly while the other, shot several times, is in a critical condition.

The four Chinese gunmen-escap-

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